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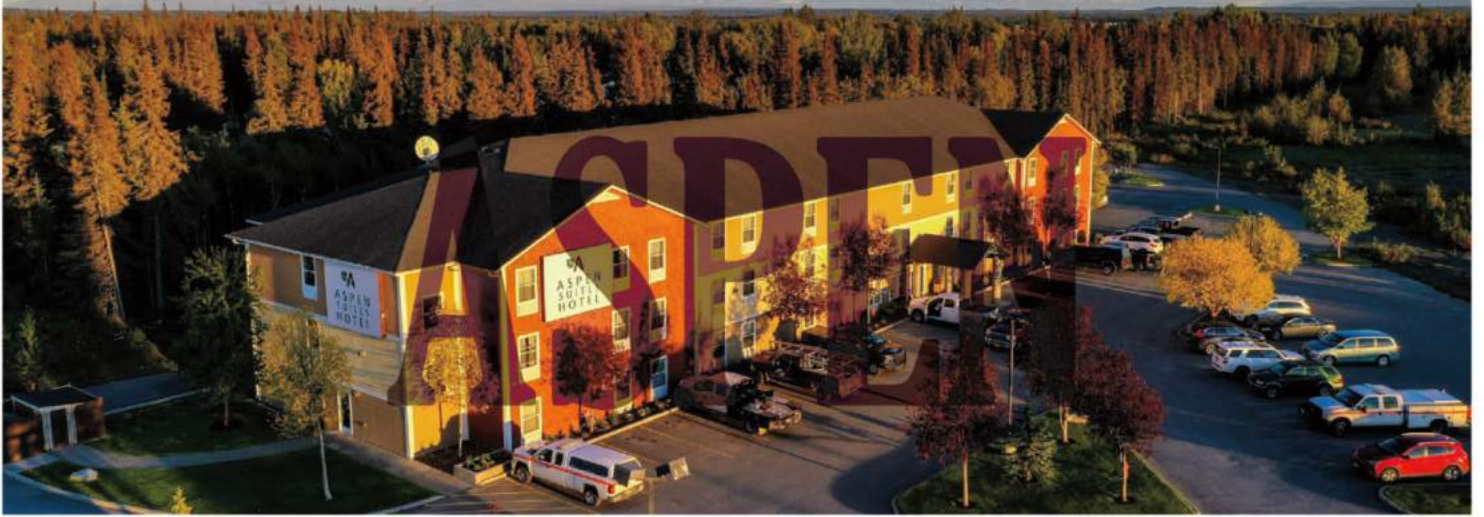
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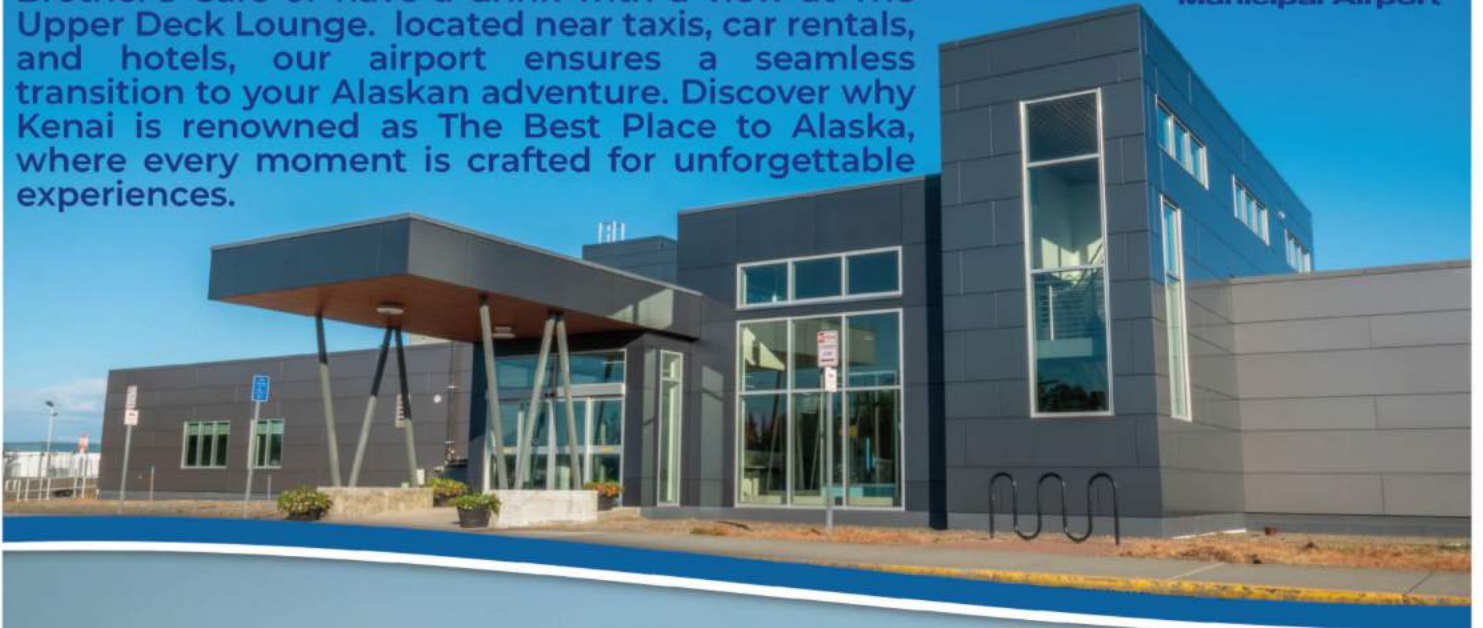
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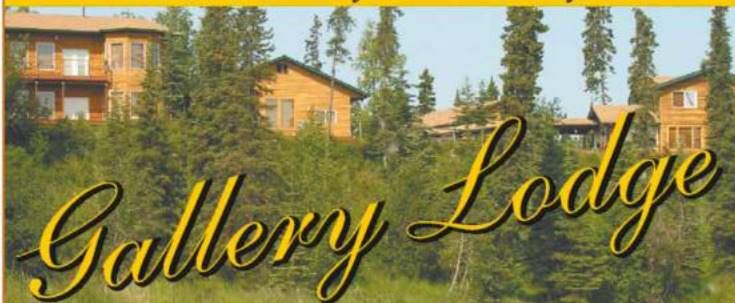
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# Welcome to Kenai!

A scenic view of snow-capped mountains, likely the Kenai Peninsula, reflected in a body of water. The mountains are covered in snow and have a rugged, rocky appearance. The water is calm, creating a clear reflection of the mountains. The sky is a clear, light blue.





Nestled at the mouth of the renowned Kenai River, Kenai, Alaska, is a coastal city of 7,800 residents with a rich history dating back 3,000 years to its first inhabitants, the Dena'ina people. From its origins as a small fishing village and former "Oil Capital of Alaska," Kenai has evolved into a diverse community celebrated for exceptional fishing, abundant wildlife, and natural beauty.

Explore the charm of historic Old Town, where the scenic bluff offers panoramic views of the Four Sleeping Giants across Cook Inlet. Immerse yourself in coastal beauty with activities like beach strolls, fat-tire biking, paddle boarding, and wildlife viewing. In winter, the city transforms into a snowy wonderland, offering ice fishing, snowmobiling, figure skating, and hockey beneath the captivating northern lights.

Kenai serves as the perfect gateway to explore the wonders of the Kenai Peninsula throughout the seasons. Whether captivated by its rich history or enticed by the array of outdoor adventures, Kenai promises an unforgettable experience for all who visit.



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Nestled in the heart of Kenai, The Kenai Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center is your premier destination for all things Kenai! Whether you're seeking historical facts, eager to witness the largest collection of bald eagles in North America, or simply interested in exploring local art and finding unique souvenirs, the Kenai Visitor Center has it all.

Discover our thoughtfully curated gift shop in the lobby, showcasing a diverse array of locally made items, from jams and jellies to intricately carved souvenirs. The collection extends beyond handcrafted goods, offering an assortment of books, knick-knacks, key chains, magnets, stuffed animals, toys, and much more! Delve into our lobby, home to one of the Kenai Peninsula's most extensive animal collections.

Immerse yourself in our Cultural Exhibit Room, featuring hundreds of artifacts from the Dena'ina & Athabaskan cultures. Explore the profound influence of the Russian Orthodox Church on the City of Kenai through insightful artifacts and information. Engage with exhibits detailing the Tustumena 200 Sled Dog Race, a crucial training ground for mushers preparing their teams for the Iditarod race.

Beyond our remarkable artifact collection and enticing gift shop, our conference room hosts quarterly art shows and exhibits (Refer to the front desk for information on current and upcoming art shows). This space also showcases imposing animal mounts, including Musk Ox, Black & Brown Bear, Alaskan Gray Wolf, and Mountain Goat, offering a captivating glimpse into Alaska's diverse wildlife.

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# Village with a Past..

KENAI'S MOTTO, "Village with a past, City with a future," reflects the link between the community's long rich history and its opportunities for sustainable growth and development.

## **People of the Flat Land**

The Dena'ina people lived in the region long before the first Russian explorers arrived in Alaska in 1741. While they do not measure their history in years, the Dena'ina consider they have lived in the area since time immemorial, a period that is beyond the reach of memory or record.

When the first Russians arrived, there was a thriving Dena'ina Athabascan Indian Village on the high bluff overlooking Cook Inlet near the mouth of the Kenai River.

At that time, about 1,500 Dena'ina lived in the Kenai River drainage with several hundred in the village of Shk'ituk't on the bluff above the Kenai River mouth.

The local Dena'ina people called themselves Kahtnuht'ana – "People of the Kenai River" (Kahtnu). The Russians, however, called them Kenaitze from the Dena'ina stem "ken," which refers to the flat wave cut terrace Kenai is built on, and the Russian "-itze," which means "people of."

## Underwater People

The Dena'ina called the Russians "Tahdna," which means "underwater people," from the image of their ships coming up Cook Inlet. When viewed from afar, it looked like the ship was emerging from underwater.

The Russians built Fort (Redoubt) St. Nicholas at Kenai in 1791, the fifth Russian post in Alaska. The fort was an outpost for trading fish and furs. The log wall and blockhouses were built by the Russians as part of Redoubt St. Nicholas.

By the time British explorer Captain George Vancouver visited in 1794, about 40 Russians occupied the outpost. The Russian Orthodox religion took root, and Kenai's oldest buildings are Orthodox-related: a log rectory (1886),

the Holy Assumption of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church (1895), and the nearby log shrine (1906).

The United States established Fort Kenai in 1869, two years after the Alaska Purchase. Most of the Russian buildings were in disrepair by the time the American Army took over, and the post was abandoned in 1871.

## Commercial Fishing and the Discovery of Oil

Commercial salmon canneries became a significant economic factor in the late 1800s. The first cannery at Kenai, the Northern Packing Company, was established in 1888. During the 1920s, commercial fishing and fish processing became important local industries. Opportunities for

homesteading in the 1940s led to further development. The first road connecting Anchorage and Kenai opened in 1951. The resulting access helped expand the community.

The Wildwood Army Base, built north of Kenai in 1953, was later converted to an Air Force base. During the Cold War, it served as a communications and Russian surveillance base.

A new economy took root with Alaska's first major oil strike in 1957 at the nearby Swanson River. The City of Kenai incorporated in 1960, and offshore oil was discovered in Cook Inlet in 1965.

Today's economy reflects the importance of the fishing, oil and gas, visitor, and service industries.

### PRE-1700'S:

The Dena'ina Athabascans trace a long history of traditional use for sustenance and trade in the Kenai area.

### 1778:

English Captain James Cook sails up Kenai Bay (now Cook Inlet) in search of the Northwest Passage.

### 1791:

First Settlement of Kenai by Russian fur traders. Approximately 300 Dena'ina inhabitants reside in Kenai at this time.

### 1795:

Nikolaevsk Redoubt built on the Kenai Bluffs in present day Old Town Kenai. Russian Orthodox Christianity is introduced to the Kenai area.

### 1797:

The Battle of Kenai between the Dena'ina Athabascans and the Lebedev Company. It was the first defeat of Russian fur traders in Alaska.

### 1838:

A major smallpox epidemic devastates Kenai. Despite vaccination efforts, about 50% of the Cook Inlet Dena'ina dies of smallpox.

### 1848:

Gold is first reported in Alaska by Russian mining engineer Peter Doroshin at the Kenai River.



### 1864:

Father Nicholas starts the first school on the peninsula in Kenai.

### 1867:

The United States of America purchases Alaska for \$7,200,000 from Russia.

### 1869:

The U.S. military builds a fort close to present site of Fort Kenai- near the Russian Orthodox Church in Old Town.

### 1899:

Kenai's first post office brings service to the area. delivery is via dogsled.

### 1934:

The Indian Reorganization Act paved the way for Alaska Natives to have a legal voice in the U.S. government. The Kenaitze Indian Tribe I.R.A. has federal recognition through this legislation.

### 1947:

After World War II, growth in Kenai expanded when homesteading was opened. Soldotna, Sterling and Nikiski have their beginnings.

### 1956:

Kenai saw its first pavement - the Kenai Spur Highway.

### 1957:

Oil is discovered at Swanson River, which begins a period of great economic growth and population increase. The Kenai gas field is discovered in 1959. For a period of time, Kenai is known as the Oil Capital of Alaska.

### 1959 & 1960:

Alaska becomes the 49th State, and Kenai formally incorporates with a mayor/council form of government.

### FUN FACT:

ON MARCH 30, 1867, Secretary of State William H. Seward agreed to purchase Alaska from Russia for \$7.2 million. At the time, critics thought Seward was crazy and called the deal "Seward's folly."

# ...City with a Future

# OLD TOWN KENAI



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## Moosemeat John's Cabin



At the corner of Main Street and Overland – Given the name of “Moosemeat John” for hunting moose to feed his thirteen children, John Hedberg homesteaded with his family in Nikiski, often sharing the success of his efforts.

The cabin was donated to the Kenai Chamber of Commerce in 1976 and relocated to Kenai, where it stands today.



## Holy Assumption of Saint Mary Russian Orthodox Church



The church itself was established 1849, and the current building was constructed in 1894-96. In 1970, the church site was declared a National Historic Landmark (one of 50 in Alaska). The church is one of the oldest Russian Orthodox churches in Alaska.

The Church is available to view, for more information, call (907) 283-4122.



## Parish House Rectory



The Parish House Rectory was built in 1881 and is believed to be the oldest original building on the Kenai Peninsula. This is home to the priest of the Russian Orthodox Church. The buildings of Holy Assumption represent “fine” examples of a Russian village church and the type of home provincial Russian gentry would inhabit.



# Chapel of St. Nicholas



The chapel was built as a tribute to Igumen (Abbot) Nikolai, first missionary in the Kenai area. With the aid of his two assistants, Father Nikolai was responsible for bringing the smallpox vaccine to the Kenai Peninsula and vaccinating many people in the fight against this deadly disease.



# Oskolkof/Dolchok Cabin (Veronica's Cafe)



Built in 1918 as a home to the Oskolkof and Dolchok family. The cabin is a good example of what houses looked like in Kenai during that time. It is located where the Russian Redoubt (Fort) Nikolaevsk once stood. Veronica's is also located at the site where the "Battle of Kenai" took place in the summer of 1797 in which the Denaina natives attacked the Russian fort resulting in over 100 deaths from both sides.



# Kenai Historical Cabin Park



**The Arness Cabin** was built in 1925 by Emil Berg, a well known registered guide and trapper on the bluff east of Riverview Road in Kenai.

**The Miller Cabin.** Pioneer Emil Ness built this structure in Kasilof in 1910. In 1930, its logs were numbered and it was disassembled and barged to Kenai, where it was pieced back together again. In 1937.

**The Dolchok/Juliussen Cabin.** This cabin was built in Kenai in 1922 by Mike Dolchok. He sold it in the late 1940s to Julius Juliussen, who moved it near the present site of the Peninsula Oilers ballpark and lived in it with his family for many years.



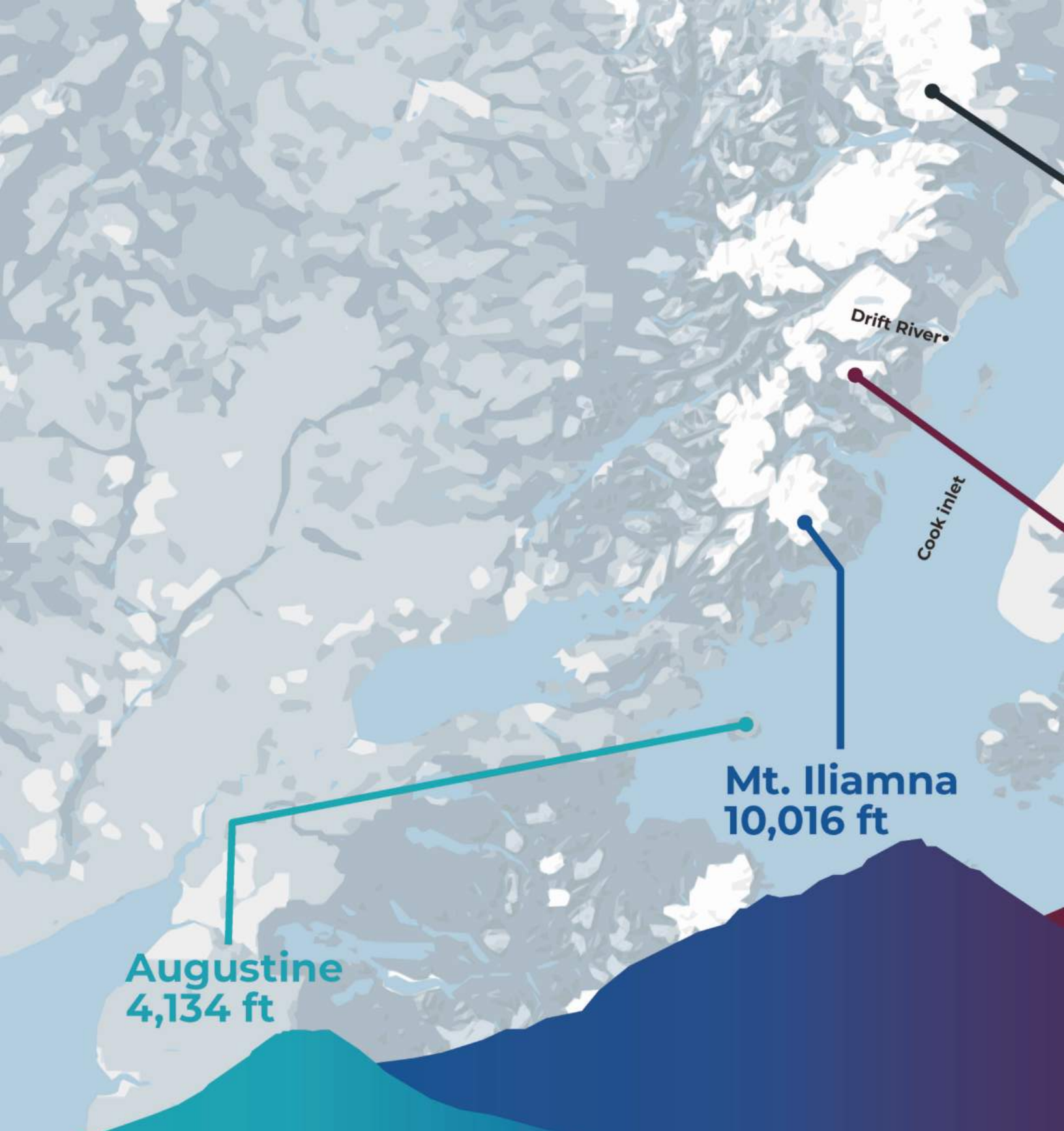
**The Three Scandinavians Cabin.** This cabin may have been built in the 1920s, but no one is certain.

# Kenai Firehall/Jail



Built in 1955 as the Firehall, two years later a jail was added to the rear of the building. After the Kenai Police and Fire Departments moved to their new facility in 1973, this building was leased to the Kenai Arts & Humanities Council. In 1980 it was renovated into a gallery and workshop for community artists and potters. It is now called the Kenai Fine Arts Center.





Augustine  
4,134 ft

Mt. Iliamna  
10,016 ft

Drift River

Cook inlet

# 4 SLEEPING GIANTS



ACROSS COOK INLET from the city of Kenai lie four sleeping giants. Mt. Redoubt is most prominent in stature when overlooking Cook Inlet, however, Mt. Spurr, Mt. Iliamna and St. Augustine are all visible from the western shores of Kenai beaches. These volcanoes are part of the Aleutian Mountain range which extends southwest along the Alaska Peninsula, eventually entering the Pacific Ocean and forming the Aleutian Islands. The Aleutian Mountain Range houses the majority of Alaska's 130 active volcanoes and volcanic fields. This mountain range makes up part of the "Ring of Fire".

## RING OF FIRE

The "Ring of Fire" is an arc stretching from New Zealand, along the eastern edge of Asia, north across the Aleutian Islands of Alaska, and south along the coast of North and South America. The Ring of Fire composes over 75% of the world's active and dormant volcanoes. This huge ring of volcanic and seismic (earthquake) activity was noticed and described before the invention of the plate tectonics theory. We now know that the Ring of Fire is located at the borders of the Pacific Plate and other major tectonic plates around the Ring of Fire; the Pacific Plate is colliding with and sliding underneath other plates. This process is known as subduction and the volcanically and seismically active area nearby is known as a subduction zone. There is a tremendous amount of energy created by these plates and they easily melt rock into magma, which rises to the surface as lava and forms volcanoes.



•Nikiski  
•Kenai  
•Soldotna



**Mt. Redoubt**  
**10,197 ft**



**Spurr**  
**11,070 ft**

## LAST ERUPTIONS

Augustine - 2006

Mt. Iliamna - 1876

Mt. Redoubt - 2009

Mt. Spurr - 1992

# ORIGINAL PEOPLE

THE TRADITIONAL VALUES CIRCLE TEACHES EVERYONE,  
young and old, the traditional values of the Kenaitze Dena'ina people.



## Kenaitze Indian Tribe

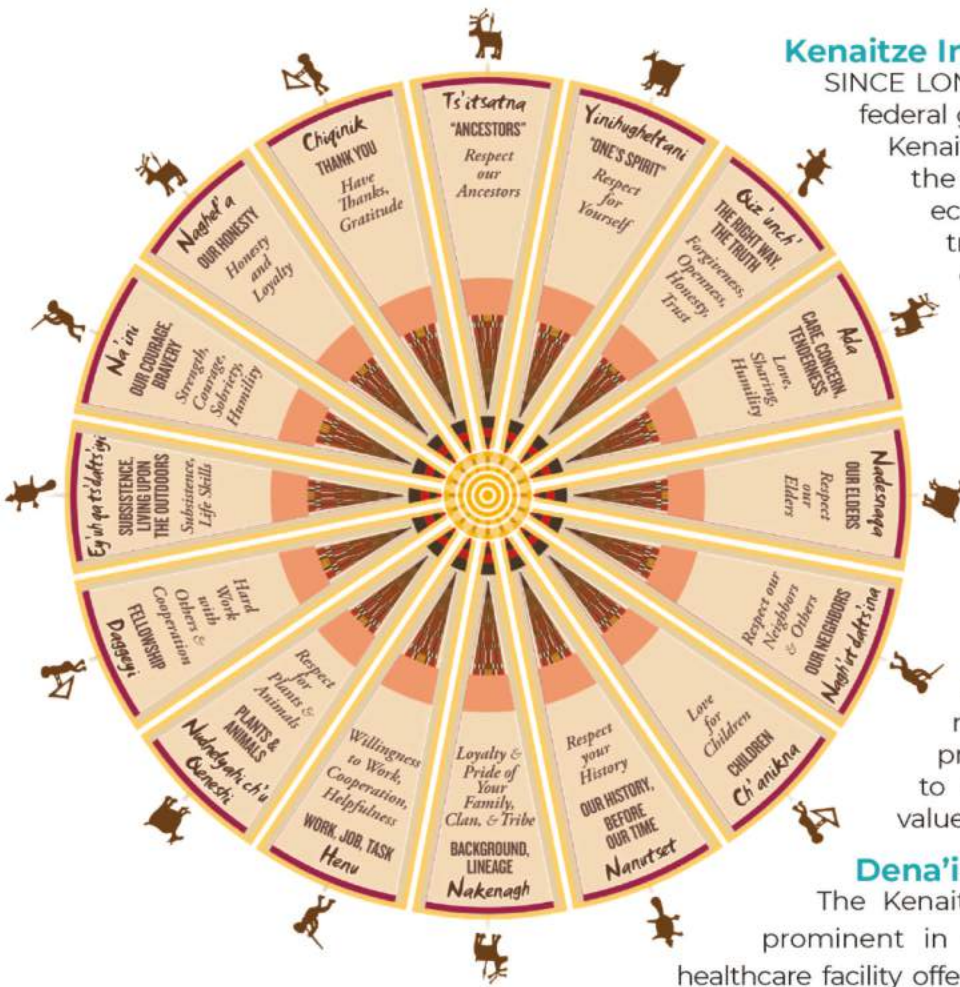
SINCE LONG BEFORE its formal designation by the federal government as an Indian Tribe in 1971, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe has been at the heart of the Kenai-area community, bringing economic and cultural benefits not only to tribal members, but also to the entire Kenai community. The 1,800-plus current members of the Kenaitze (pronounced, Keh-NITE'-zee) Tribe are Dena'ina people, a branch of Athabascan Native Americans. Many centuries ago, their ancestors traveled from western Alaska to the shores of the Cook Inlet. Recognizing its abundance, the first Alaskans to this area named it Yaganen – the good land. They settled along the shores and rivers of this beautiful and rich place which is now named after them: the Kenai Peninsula. Today, the Kenaitze Indian Tribe conducts a wide range of services and educational programs which benefit people from youth to elder, reflecting the tribe's traditional values.

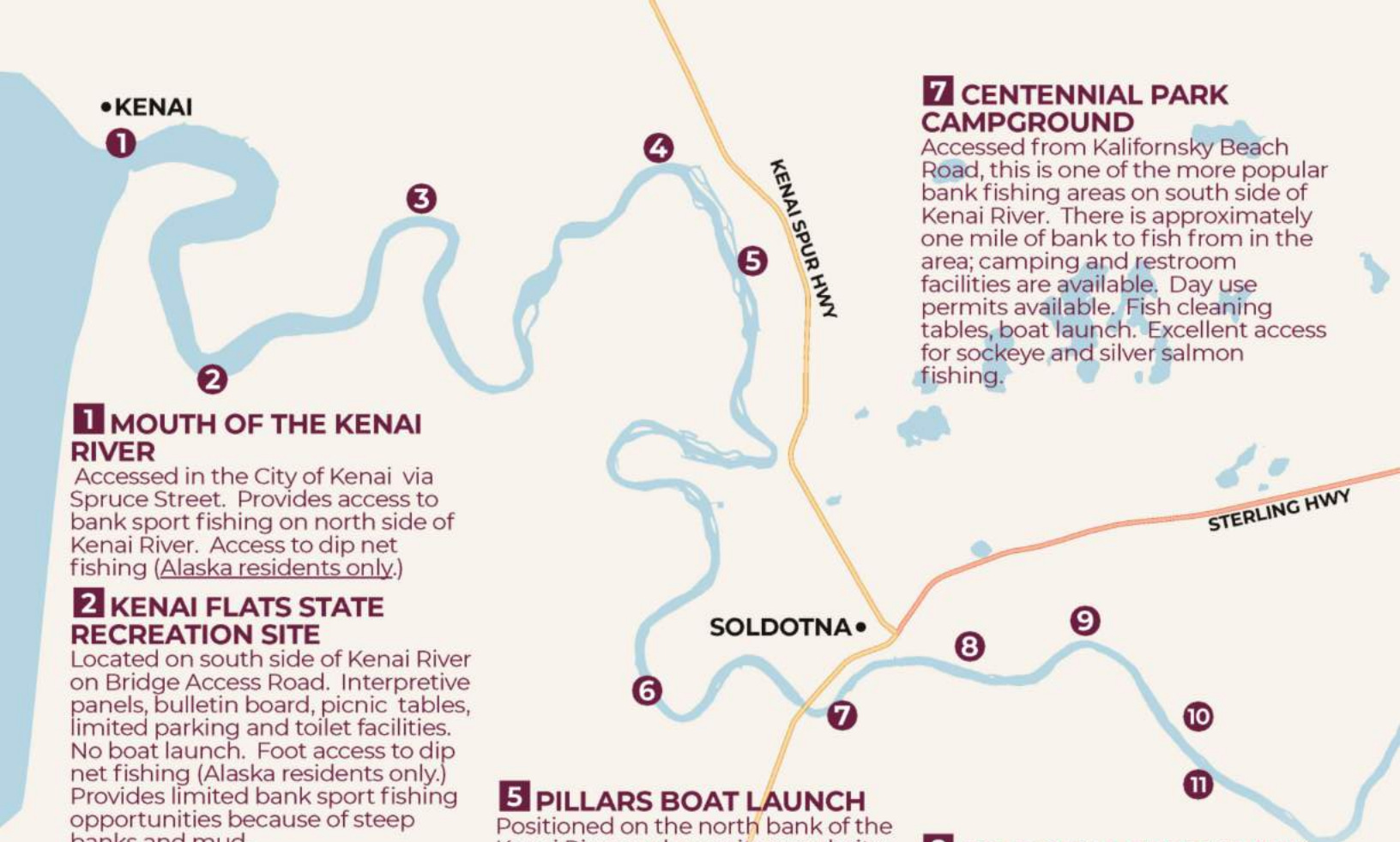
## Dena'ina Wellness Center

The Kenaitze Tribe's Dena'ina Wellness Center is prominent in Old Town Kenai. The fully integrated healthcare facility offers a wide range of programs and services that promote the wellness of its people and the community. The tribe also operates a tribal justice system, early childhood education center, Elders center, social services program, and more. Learn more at [kenaitze.org](http://kenaitze.org)

## K'Beq' Cultural Site

If coming from the north, take time to visit the K'Beq' Cultural Site before you reach Kenai. K'Beq' sits adjacent to Milepost 52.6 of the Sterling Highway near Cooper Landing at a Dena'ina place known as Sqilantnu, meaning "ridge place river." The Kenaitze Indian Tribe's K'Beq', meaning "footprints," gives visitors a glimpse into traditional Dena'ina customs and culture. Operated in partnership with the Chugach National Forest, the site features informational signs, a boardwalk that wraps around a prehistoric Dena'ina house foundation, and a gift shop. Tribal members and staff also host interpretive walks and presentations. It is open four days a week, June through August. Admission is free.





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### 1 MOUTH OF THE KENAI RIVER

Accessed in the City of Kenai via Spruce Street. Provides access to bank sport fishing on north side of Kenai River. Access to dip net fishing (Alaska residents only.)

### 2 KENAI FLATS STATE RECREATION SITE

Located on south side of Kenai River on Bridge Access Road. Interpretive panels, bulletin board, picnic tables, limited parking and toilet facilities. No boat launch. Foot access to dip net fishing (Alaska residents only.) Provides limited bank sport fishing opportunities because of steep banks and mud.

### 3 CUNNINGHAM PARK

Located on north side of Kenai River and accessed from Beaver Loop Road. Limited parking, toilet facilities and picnic tables. Wood deck with stairs access. Primarily mud banks. Waders recommended. Excellent sockeye and silver salmon fishing.

### 4 Eagle Rock Boat Launch

Accessed half way between Kenai and Soldotna on the Kenai Spur Highway between Robin Drive and Ross Street. Good bank access and boat launch.

KENAI SPUR HWY

SOLDOTNA •

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STERLING HWY

### 5 PILLARS BOAT LAUNCH

Positioned on the north bank of the Kenai River and owes its popularity to its accessibility and close proximity to many of the more popular fishing holes. Viewing deck, day-use parking, and restrooms are available.

### 6 SLIKOK CREEK STATE RECREATION SITE

Located on west side of Kenai River off Endicott Drive. There is a small parking lot, picnic tables, toilets and trail to the north and south sides of Slikok Creek. Preferred sockeye fishing area is on south side of Slikok Creek.

### 7 CENTENNIAL PARK CAMPGROUND

Accessed from Kalifornsky Beach Road, this is one of the more popular bank fishing areas on south side of Kenai River. There is approximately one mile of bank to fish from in the area; camping and restroom facilities are available. Day use permits available. Fish cleaning tables, boat launch. Excellent access for sockeye and silver salmon fishing.

### 8 SOLDOTNA CREEK PARK

Accessed beside the Tesoro gas station in the center on Soldotna along the Sterling Highway. Here you will find a 500 foot long boardwalk provided for bank fishing. Popular for sockeye and silver salmon fishing

### 9 SWIFTWATER CAMPGROUND

On north side of Kenai River, this Soldotna City Campground is reached via East Redoubt Avenue. Parking, restroom and overnight camping are available.

# Local Fishing HOT SPOTS

## 10 MOOSE RANGE MEADOWS

Several fishing platforms have been erected on the north bank of the Kenai River on Keystone Drive (off Redoubt).

## 14 IZAAK WALTON STATE RECREATION SITE

This site is on north side of the Kenai River at confluence of the Moose and Kenai Rivers in Sterling. The site has a campground, boat launch and limited day use parking. Izaak Walton has bank closures to protect habitat. However, the area at the confluence of the Moose and Kenai rivers has good bank access, excellent area for sockeye, pink and silver salmon. Riffle above confluence excellent for trout. Waders recommended.

## 12 FUNNY RIVER STATE RECREATION SITE

Located on south side of Kenai River at Mile 12 of Funny River Road. Site has a small campground and restrooms. Ladders down the bank provide access to bank fishing. River-waders recommended. Area closed to king salmon fishing. Excellent sockeye and trout fishing.

## 13 MORGAN'S LANDING STATE RECREATION SITE

This recreation site is on the north side of the Kenai River and reached via Scout Lake Loop Road. The site has a campground, day use parking, toilets and approximately 1.5 miles of bank fishing area. There are fishing area closures within this 1.5 miles to protect bank habitat. "Morgan's" is also the headquarters of Alaska State Parks. It's just a short hike from parking downhill to river access-fishing from platforms or downstream with waders. Beautiful vistas from parking lot and campsites. Good sockeye, silver salmon and trout fishing-Closed to king salmon fishing.

## 11 ROTARY PARK

Accessed via Funny River Road. Take Bridge Access to Kalifornsky Beach Rd. turn left, cross Sterling Hwy. and road becomes Funny River. Follow the road 2.5 miles, the park sits across from the Soldotna Airport. Parking is approx. \$5. Trail leads to "T" at "T" take a right for 625 foot long boardwalk, turn left for chest wader fishing access to the river via stairs off the bank system. Excellent sockeye fishing.

## 15 BING'S LANDING STATE RECREATION SITE

This site is on the north side of Kenai River at Mile 80 of Sterling Highway (just north of Sterling). The site provides campsites, day use parking and boat launch. This is the only public boat launch between Skilak Lake and Naptowne Rapids. Good river bank access down the trail to Naptowne Rapids. Waders recommended.



# Fishing on the Kenai 101

## HOW TO IDENTIFY THE FIVE SALMON SPECIES FOUND IN ALASKA:



### Coho (Silver) Salmon:

Greenish-blue back with silver sides. Small black spots on the back, dorsal fin, and on the upper lobe of the tail only. Black mouth with white gums at the base of teeth on lower jaw.



### Chum (Dog) Salmon:

Dull gray with yellow-silver sides. No distinct spots. Large eye pupil.



### Sockeye (Red) Salmon:

Dark blue- black back with silver sides. No distinct spots.



### Pink (Humpy) Salmon:

Large spots on the back and large black oval blotches on both tail lobes. Very small scales. Spawning males develop a pronounced hump.



### King (Chinook) Salmon:

Blue-gray back with silver sides. Small, irregular black spots on back, dorsal fin, and on both lobes of the tail. Black mouth with black gums at the base of lower jaw.



Species		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
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Dolly Varden	Jun 11 - Oct 15		█				
Steelhead	Sept 1 - Oct 15					█	
King Salmon	May 25 - Jul 31		█				
Sockeye Salmon	Jun 20 - Aug 15		█				
Coho Salmon	Aug 1 - Oct 15				█		
Pink Salmon	August				█		
Halibut	May 1 - Sept 15	█					



# Dip Netting



## BRIEF HISTORY:

In March 1996, the Board of Fisheries amended the Cook Inlet Personal Use Salmon Management Plan by liberalizing it and establishing a personal use fishery season for Alaska residents. The dipnet season is currently July 10 through July 31 and requires a personal use fishery permit. Mid-July marks the beginning of dip netting season for Alaskan residents. To dip net, anglers stand in the mouth of the Kenai River holding large nets with long handles. Dip netting is open to Alaska residents exclusively. For visitors, the dip netting is a spectator sport not to be missed!

## WHERE THE DIP NETTING HAPPENS:

**KENAI NORTH SHORE:** Primary access is from South Spruce Street off the Kenai Spur Highway.

**CAMPING:** Camping on the beach is not permitted to the right of S. Spruce St. towards Nikiski. Camping is permitted to the left towards the mouth of the river. Tents must stay 25 feet from any vegetation and your paid camping receipt must be visibly displayed on your tent. Your vehicle in the parking lot must also have a paid parking receipt visibly displayed on the rear view mirror.

For additional information on other camping opportunities in Kenai, contact the KCCVC at 283-1991.

**FIRES:** Fires are permitted on sections of the North and South Beaches, but look for signage advising of prohibited fire areas. Ground fires must stay at least 25 feet from any vegetation. Please clean up the area, ensure fire is completely out, and haul out any debris before leaving area. Do not burn trash.

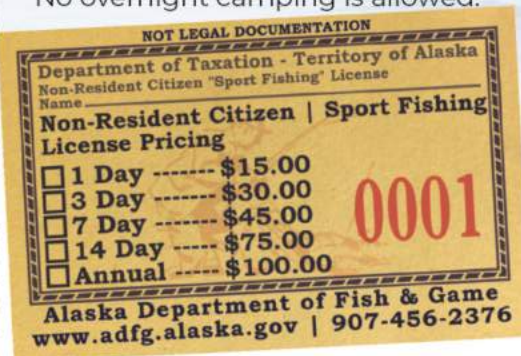
**KENAI SOUTH BEACH:** Access is from Old Cannery Road off of Cannery Road.

**TRAVELING ON THE BEACH:** Access onto the beach requires use of a four-wheel drive or all-terrain vehicle (approximately three miles to the mouth of river). Extreme caution must be exercised due to soft sand and unforgiving tides. Protect the dunes and vegetative areas by driving (including ATV's) below the high tide mark. The vegetative areas on the Kenai South Shore provide valuable habitat for shorebirds and other waterfowl.

**RESTROOMS/DUMPSTERS:** Restrooms and dumpsters are limited, but are serviced daily. Use the restrooms provided and practice "pack-it-in, pack-it-out" standards as much as possible to keep the beach clean.

**KENAI BOATING FACILITY:** Access to the Kenai Boating Facility is from Boat Launch Road. There is a one-way exit road to leave the facility. A large public parking area is provided; however, parking is limited.

No overnight camping is allowed.



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# Hunting

## BLACK BEAR

Black bear range over most of the accessible areas of the Kenai. The most abundant areas are the southern tip of the Kenai, the western Kenai lowlands, and the alpine areas of the Kenai Mountains. Most black bear meat is excellent table fare in the spring. Mountain black bears retain great eating qualities year through fall. Lowland bears, if their diet consists of primarily fish, can be a bit challenging to cook.

## BROWN BEAR

Brown bears range much of the Kenai and feed on moose calves in the spring and spawning salmon in the late summer-fall. Areas with both have the highest density of brown bears, although there are some that reside in the mountains eating blueberries in the fall.

## CARIBOU

Three of the four caribou herds on the Kenai support hunting and reside in the high country. The Killey River herd is found in the Wilderness Area of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge and has minimal access, with horseback being the primary mode of travel. The Kenai Mountain herd roams the high country between Cooper Landing and Hope.

## DALL SHEEP

The Kenai is home to a healthy herd of these beautiful and coveted game animals. There are two general areas available to hunt sheep on the Kenai: the western edge of the Harding Icefield and the Kenai Mountains north, east, and west of Kenai Lake. Prepare to spend some time in the mountains with minimal comforts, as sheep hunting is one of the toughest backpack-style hunts.

## MOUNTAIN GOAT

Mountain goats are a common sight in the craggy rocks of the Kenai Mountains. Hunting is by registration or drawing permit. The best goat hunting is found on the southern part of the Peninsula where the goats live on the cliffs rising up from the ocean near Homer and Seward. At times,

goats can be seen down on the beach licking salt from the rocks.

## MOOSE

The Kenai National Wildlife Refuge was originally created as the Kenai National Moose Range, where a combination of climate and habitat produced huge and healthy animals.

The Kenai is no longer famous for moose hunting, and regulation changes due to habitat and predator factors have eliminated non-resident hunters except for the few drawing permits in the Tustumena Bench area. If you spend the time and take a moose, the coming winter will find the successful hunter eating quite well.

## SMALL GAME

The Kenai hosts a variety of small game readily available to the hunter. Snowshoe hares are cyclic and may be prolific to near non-existent depending on where they are at in the cycle. Spruce grouse are best taken early in the fall season. By late November,

their diet consists of spruce needles and, while they can be eaten, it takes some skill in the kitchen to disguise the spruce smell and flavor. All three species of ptarmigan may be found in the Kenai Mountains.

## WATERFOWL

The Kenai supports a healthy local population of birds and depending on weather, also sees a fair number of migrating waterfowl. The Kenai, Kasilof, Chickaloon, and Fox Rivers are popular for puddle ducks and divers. The Kenai area is a jump-off point to the Redoubt Bay Special Management Area on the west side of Cook Inlet, which is extremely prolific in waterfowl. Many local hunters utilize local air services to hunt the west side of the Cook Inlet. Sea duck hunting is quite good in the bays and coves south of Homer as well.

# Captain Cook State Park

CAPTAIN COOK State Recreation Area is virtually undiscovered by most visitors to the Kenai Peninsula. It offers a peaceful setting of forests, lakes, streams and saltwater beaches. The recreation area can be reached by driving 25 miles north of Kenai on the Kenai Spur Highway to milepost 36.

## RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

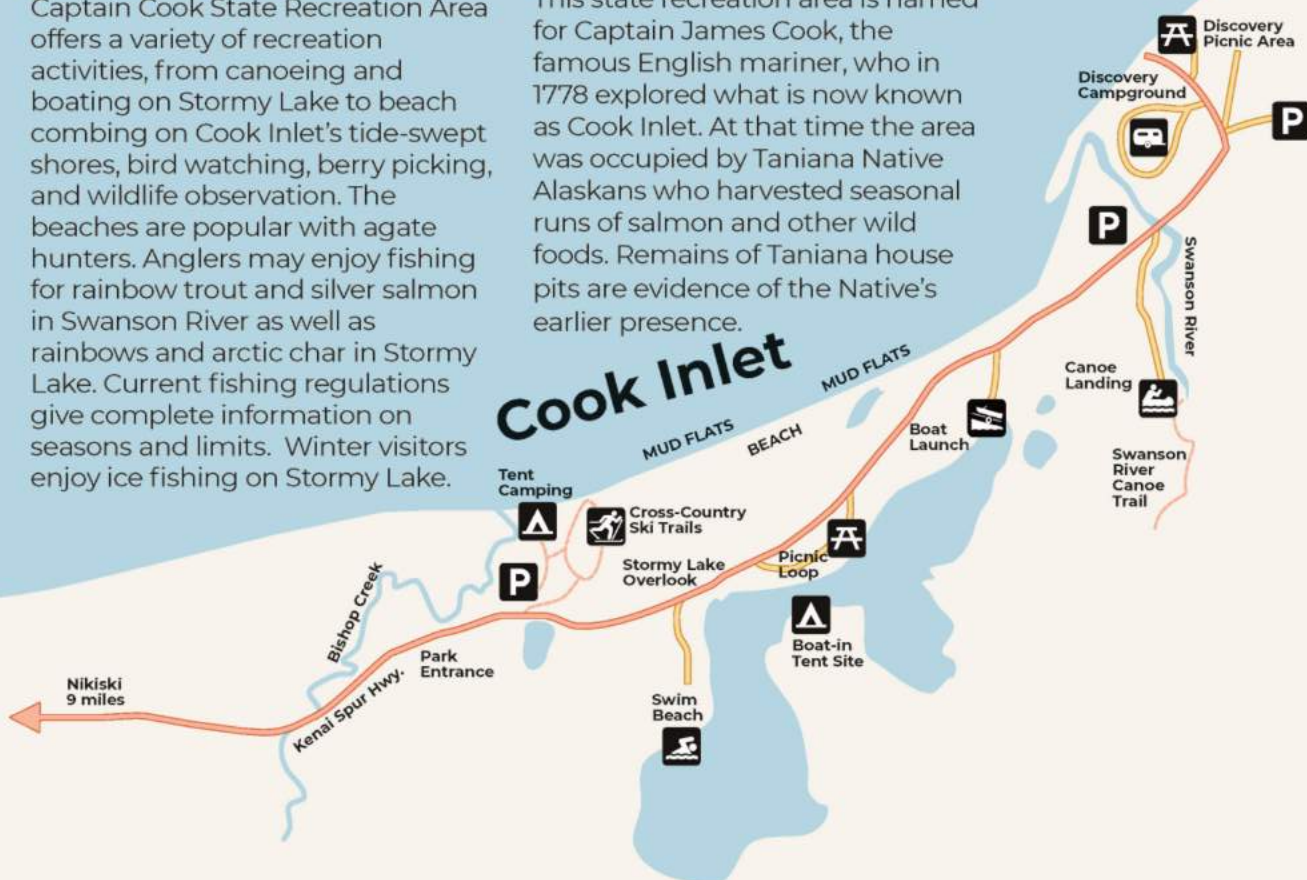
Captain Cook State Recreation Area offers a variety of recreation activities, from canoeing and boating on Stormy Lake to beach combing on Cook Inlet's tide-swept shores, bird watching, berry picking, and wildlife observation. The beaches are popular with agate hunters. Anglers may enjoy fishing for rainbow trout and silver salmon in Swanson River as well as rainbows and arctic char in Stormy Lake. Current fishing regulations give complete information on seasons and limits. Winter visitors enjoy ice fishing on Stormy Lake.

Wildlife you may see during your visit includes moose, bear, coyote, wolves, Beluga whales, harbor seals, beaver, muskrat, bald eagles, sandhill cranes, trumpeter swans, arctic and common loons, golden-eye ducks, mergansers, thrushes, warblers, and jays.

## HISTORY

This state recreation area is named for Captain James Cook, the famous English mariner, who in 1778 explored what is now known as Cook Inlet. At that time the area was occupied by Taniana Native Alaskans who harvested seasonal runs of salmon and other wild foods. Remains of Taniana house pits are evidence of the Native's earlier presence.

In recent years the beach area has been used for commercial fishing with beach set-nets. As with all parts of Cook Inlet and Turnagain Arm, be careful walking on mudflats... and remember that the tide can move in 4x faster than you can run.



## EMERGENCY CONTACTS

State Park Rangers: (907) 262-5581  
State Troopers: (907) 262-4453 or 911  
To report a fire: (907) 260-4210 or 911

## ON THE WEB

State of Alaska Online Resources  
[dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/kenai/captcook.htm](http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/aspunits/kenai/captcook.htm)

# Fat Tire

The City of Kenai has miles of beautiful bikable coastline! Stroll for a few minutes, a few hours, a full day or make it an overnight beach trip. **Safety Tips:** Be sure to check the wind and tide tables before heading out. Avoid walking on the sensitive dune vegetation adjacent to the beach in some areas. Do not walk on mud flats and be mindful of private property and setnet sites next to the beach. Know water sources along your route. Be bear aware and follow bear safety advice. For additional information, visit [alaskabears.alaska.gov](http://alaskabears.alaska.gov)

## **CAPTAIN COOK STATE PARK**

Head north from Kenai on the Kenai Spur Highway and go past Nikiski until the road ends. Park the car and turn right on the beach to head north towards Point Possession.

Hard-packed sand and interesting rock formations make for beautiful beach travel. Tides are such that it is safe to be on the beach most times of the day. Going all the way to Point Possession is approximately 28 miles north from Captain Cook State Park, but this beach is enjoyable for any out and back distance. If you go the whole way to Point Possession and make it an overnight trip, be sure to stock up on water.

## **KENAI RIVER TO KASILOF RIVER**

It's approximately ten miles between the mouths of the Kenai and Kasilof rivers. This can be done as an out-and-back or one-way with a shuttle set-up beforehand. If setting up a shuttle, leave a car at Kenai's South Beach parking lot off

Cannery Road and ride south from the Kasilof River Special Use Area off Kasilof Beach Stub Road.

## **KASILOF RIVER TO HOMER**

It's approximately 56 miles between Kasilof River and Anchor Point. Do not attempt to cross the Kenai or Kasilof rivers without a boat, but the Ninilchik River, Deep Creek, and Anchor River may be crossed at low tide. The beach gets rocky for the approximately 16 miles between Anchor Point and Homer—to avoid some hiking on the beach, plan to stop riding at Anchor Point. Don't miss stopping at picturesque Happy Valley Falls near Ninilchik and gazing at the volcanic Four Sleeping Giants [see page 16] in the distance. From Homer, you can keep riding another 16 miles to Kachemak Selo.



# Walking & Hiking Trails

DIFFICULT = OOO

MODERATE = OO

EASY = O

## RYAN'S CREEK TRAILS - O

*Distance 1.31 miles*

**Features:** This gravel trail follows a heavily wooded stretch of Ryan's Creek located in the heart of Kenai. There are multiple trailhead locations, each marked with sign and post. Amenities include directional arrows, benches and trash receptacles. The trail segment leading north from Airport Way to Marathon Road was completed in 2014. This final segment will connect with Daubenspeck Family Park, a popular local park with water access, restrooms, BBQ grills and shelters.

**How to find it:** Access these trails from the Kenai Spur Hwy sidewalk (across from Louie's Restaurant), Main Street Loop, Granite Point Street, Airport Way or Daubenspeck Family Park.

## KENAI MUNICIPAL PARK TRAILS & MEEKS TRAIL - O/OO

*Distance 1.4 miles*

**Features:** Accessing from Municipal Park, you meander through a natural forest that includes some unique Alaska flora, including wild berries and chocolate lilies during the summer months. The close proximity to the Kenai River made this area attractive for early settlement by the Dena'ina people; faint remnants of underground cold storage pits and traditional Dena'ina house pits remain throughout the park today. Continuing along Kenai Avenue leads you to the historic Meeks Trail and up the bluff into Old Town Kenai offering excellent views of the Upper Cook Inlet and tidal zone of the Kenai River.

**How to find it:** Access these trails from Kenai Municipal Park (South Forest Drive) or begin your hike in Old Town Kenai (Alaska Avenue).

## KENAI EAST END TRAILS - O

*Distance 0.76 miles*

**Features:** Popular for biking, hiking, and cross-country skiing. Gravel trail meanders through a wooded forest and is home to the Kenai Eagle Disc Golf Course (18-holes). Trail amenities include trash receptacles and benches. These trails link to the Kenai Golf Course where winter ski trails are maintained throughout the winter months.

**How to find it:** Access these trails at the end of Tinker Lane or off Lawton Drive just east of the Coral Seymour Memorial Park (Peninsula Oilers Baseball).

## KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE VISITOR CENTER - O

*Distance 2.6 miles round trip.*

**Features:** An excellent family hike. Cleared trail offers easy walking. Decking and viewing at Headquarters Lake, interpretive signage and a bonus of the visitors' center rounds out the experience.

**How to find it:** Trailhead is at the paved parking area of the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center located in Soldotna off Funny River Road from the Sterling Highway.

## TSALTESHI TRAILS - O

*Various trail systems intermingle.*

**Features:** A great area for hikers and bikers who'd like to stay closer to town. These trails are popular throughout the year with area residents, and are maintained by the Tsalteshi Trail Association. Woodland setting with rolling hills. [www.tsalteshi.org](http://www.tsalteshi.org)

**How to find it:** Just south of Soldotna, behind Skyview Middle School. Also, Kalifornsky Beach access across from Soldotna Sports Center.

### KENAI RIVER TRAIL - 0

*Distance 10.2 miles round trip.*

**Features:** A meandering trail through forest meadows. Wildflowers, berries and the only trail that actually takes you along the famous Kenai River. Fantastic views! Check out the nearby interpretive panels on Skilak Loop Road to learn more about the Pothole Lake forest fire that impacted this area in 1991. Be cautious of bear activity.

**How to find it:** At Mile 58 of the Sterling Highway, turn onto Skilak Loop Road. The trailhead is a half mile in on the left.

### RUSSIAN LAKES TRAIL - 0/00

*Distance 23.2 miles round trip.*

**Features:** The first three miles of the trail to Lower Russian River Campground Road, at Mile 52 of the Sterling Highway near Cooper Landing is a good family trail that follows along the Russian River. See the Russian River Falls, where sockeye salmon are making their upstream battle to spawn. It is especially important to make noise and watch for bears on this particular trail!

**How to find it:** Trailhead is one mile down Russian River Campground Road, at Mile 52 of the Sterling Highway near Cooper Landing.

### RESURRECTION PASS TRAIL - 0/00

*Distance 39 miles one way with elevation gain of 2600 feet.*

**Features:** Popular for hiking, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling. Ideal for lake fishing, day hikes, viewing waterfalls, scenic vistas and wildlife. Well-spaced public-use cabins and campsites make this an idea choice for a multi-day hike. Trail also connects with Devil's Pass trail for a 28-mile trip to Devils Pass trailhead.

**How to find it:** Cooper Landing trailhead begins at MP 52 of the Sterling Highway or you can access the Hope side trailhead by following the Hope turnoff to Resurrection Creek Road.

### SKILAK LOOKOUT TRAIL - 00/000

*Distance 4.1 miles round trip.*

**Features:** A good way to stretch out and work up a sweat, with several steep sections along this trail. It has an elevation gain of 750 feet. It ends on an overlook with spectacular views of Skilak Lake.

**How to find it:** Located along Skilak Loop Road, the trailhead is approximately two miles past Hidden Lake Campground. Skilak Lake Road is accessible just south west of Cooper Landing and north east of Sterling.

### FULLER LAKES TRAIL - 00/000

**Features:** Upper and Lower Fuller Lake offer one of the few waters on the Kenai Peninsula which contain Arctic Grayling. The trail between the two lakes has little elevation change, but can be muddy. Once on top of the higher elevations past Upper Fuller Lake (this lake contains Dolly Varden trout) hikers are afforded extensive views of the Kenai Mountains. Look for Dall Sheep on these ridges. Excellent berry picking opportunities in the fall.

**How to find it:** Look for a pull-out parking area located at Mile 57.1 on the Sterling Highway in the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge just outside of Cooper Landing if heading towards Kenai. Follow the steps up the short bank to access the trail.

### JOHNSON PASS TRAIL - 0/00

*Distance 23 miles long one way.*

**Features:** This trail is a favorite for mountain bikers. Accessing from the north side, you will encounter beautiful alpine scenery. Lakes and streams can be found along the trail. Be sure to filter any water you pull from natural Alaskan sources. This is usually a longer backpacking trip, but offers a peaceful break on your drive through the Chugach National Forest.



# Kenai Parks

## 4TH AVE. PARK

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 1108 4th Ave.

**Amenities:** Basketball Court • Grass field with Baseball Backstop • Picnic Pavilion • BBQ Grill  
Portable Restroom (seasonal)

*This is a small neighborhood park tucked in at the end of quiet residential street. The park has a large open turf area suitable for throwing the Frisbee, playing baseball or other activities needing lots of space.*

## BEAVER CREEK PARK

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 6031 Kenai Spur Hwy

**Amenities:** Playground Equipment • Basketball Court • Restroom Picnic Pavilion (available to reserve) • Barbeque Grill • Large Open Turf Field • Permanent • Bike Repair Station

*Small community park located adjacent to the Kenai Spur Hwy approximately mid-way between Kenai and Soldotna. Accessible from the Unity Trail, the park is located on a bluff overlooking the Beaver Creek drainage. This park is one of the oldest parks in the system but recently upgraded in 2016 with new playground equipment.*

## BIRD VIEWING PLATFORM

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 1591 Boat Launch Rd.

**Amenities:** Elevated Platform • Telescope

*Elevated bird-viewing platform provides expansive views of the Kenai River tidal flood plains and a portion of the Alaska Range, including Mt. Redoubt and Mt. Spur. Opportunities for wildlife viewing include harbor seals, beluga whales, estuary and migratory birds, birds of prey, coyotes, bear, caribou and moose.*

## CORAL SEYMOUR MEMORIAL BALL PARK

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 103 Tinker Ln.

**Amenities:** Collegiate Baseball Field  
Property is leased from the City by the

*Peninsula Oilers Baseball Club, Inc. Founded in 1974, the Alaska Baseball League includes five teams throughout Alaska. Teams play 44 league games and approximately 5 non-league games from June through August each summer.*

## CUNNINGHAM PARK

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 2432 Beaver Loop Rd.

**Amenities:** Boardwalk • Benches • Picnic Table • Permanent Restroom • Kenai River Access (walking access only)

*One of the few areas in the Lower Kenai River providing public access for bank fishing. Park is a popular designation particularly in the fall during the silver salmon season for both locals and visitors alike. This site provides a great example of a bank restoration project similar to what is occurring in other sections of the Kenai River. No overnight camping and parking is limited.*

## DAUBENSPECK FAMILY PARK

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** Marathon Rd.

**Amenities:** Permanent Restroom • Swimming Pond  
Sand Beach Area • Picnic Pavilions • Trail  
Outdoor Ice Skating (Winter)

*Community park featuring a pond commonly used for non-motorized water activities (swimming, kayaking, paddle boarding, etc.) and is maintained during the winter months for ice skating. The shore of the lake offers a sand beach area and is a great area to watch the kids splash in the water. A .37 mile gravel trail circles the park with access to the Ryan's Creek Trail off Marathon Rd. This park is conveniently located near a large commercial shopping center.*

## ELSON REST STOP

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** Kenai Spur Hwy

**Amenities:** Picnic Table

*Rest stop is situated along the Unity Trail between Kenai and Soldotna at approximately mile 18. A short gravel trail extends from the Unity Trail into a small clearing with a picnic table.*

## ERIK HANSEN SCOUT PARK

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 913 Mission Ave.

**Amenities:** Benches • Boy Scout Statue • Interpretive Displays • Gardens • Telescope

*Small community park containing a bronze statue of a Boy Scout overlooking the Kenai Cook Inlet. Interpretive displays point out many physical features of the lower Cook Inlet. This is a great area just to sit, relax, and enjoy the extensive views overlooking the lower Cook Inlet, tidal lands, and mouth of the Kenai River.*

## FIELD OF FLOWERS / WILDFLOWER GARDEN

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 10095 Kenai Spur Hwy

**Amenities:** Gazebo • Benches • Wildflower Identification Signs • Wood Chipped Trails

*Meandering trails wrap around this small parcel of Airport property adorned with wildflowers. Seeded in the spring, the field transforms into a wildflower display each fall providing visitors with amazing photography backdrops.*

## KENAI CEMETERY

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 840 First Ave.

**Amenities:** Columbarium • Gazebo • Benches

*Owned and operated by the City of Kenai, the Kenai Cemetery*

provides an attractive location of tranquility and reflection for the honoring and remembrance of those that have gone before us.

### **KENAI NORTH & SOUTH BEACH**

**PHYSICAL LOCATIONS:** North Beach 600 - S. Spruce St.  
South Beach - Royal St. (off Cannery Rd via K-Beach)

**Amenities (North Beach Only):** Permanent Restroom Seasonal Portable Restrooms · Beach Access

Both locations provide access to the beaches of Cook Inlet and mouth of the Kenai River offering a perfect location for walking, beach combing, kite-flying, and fat-tire biking. There are no amenities on the south beach. There is a large parking area provided on the north beach but parking is very limited during the Kenai River Personal Use Fishery (July) and camping/parking fees apply during this time at both locations. Vehicular traffic on the north beach toward the mouth of the Kenai River is prohibited.

### **KENAI RIVER FLATS WILDLIFE VIEWING BOARDWALK**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** Bridge Access Rd.

**Amenities:** Boardwalk · Telescope · Paved Parking

This a viewing area overlooking the Kenai River tidal flood plains. Many migratory birds frequent this area, including other wildlife, such as caribou, coyote, moose and occasionally bear.

One can view the surrounding mountains here, including the Alaska Range and Kenai Mountains.



### **KENAI SOFTBALL GREENSTRIP & STEVE SHEARER MEMORIAL BALLFIELDS**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 400 Main Street Loop

**Amenities:** Playground · Large Pavilion · Permanent Restrooms · Community Garden Plots · Skateboard Park · Steve Shearer Memorial Ball Park (Adult Softball Fields)

This linear greenstrip features a large pavilion where area residents come together for community events and activities. The adult softball fields are located adjacent to this area and home to the Kenai Softball Association. An outdoor skateboard park, community gardens, and a food forest are located in this vicinity.

### **KENAI SPORTS COMPLEX**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 13072 Kenai Spur Hwy

**Amenities:** Four Regulation Size Soccer Fields Seasonal Portable Restrooms

Area contains 24 acres including a large gravel parking lot, access road and four natural turf soccer fields. The fields are extensively used by two organizations providing soccer programs, including the Kenai Peninsula Soccer Club and Boys & Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula.

### **LEIF HANSEN MEMORIAL PARK**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 10959 Kenai Spur Hwy

**Amenities:** Gazebo (available to reserve for weddings or memorial services) · Decorative Water Fountain Veteran's & Mariner's Memorial · Town Clock · Gardens Drinking · Fountain

This is a community memorial park and a focal point of town. Throughout the park are sidewalks containing memorial plaques and plantings purchased by individuals in memory of loved ones. Included are a Veteran's and Mariner's memorial, water fountain, town clock, gazebo and beautifully landscaped gardens. The gazebo area has been a popular wedding location for many years.

### **MUNICIPAL PARK**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 301 S. Forest Dr.

**Amenities:** Playground Area · Basketball Court · BBQ Grills Sanded Volleyball Court · Covered

Picnic Pavilions · Picnic Sites · Restrooms · Pathways to Poetry Trail · Little Free Library Station · Interpretive Displays

Large community park located next to the bluff overlooking the lower Cook Inlet. A playground area, restrooms, two pavilions and a large turf area are located at the north entrance to the park. Two additional pavilions are located at the south end of the park along with a basketball court and a sanded volleyball court. Walking trails (1.4 miles) meander throughout the park, including a Pathways to Poetry leading to the Kenai beach. The close proximity to the Kenai River made this area attractive for early settlement by the Dena'ina people; faint remnants of underground cold storage pits and traditional Dena'ina house pits remain throughout the park today.

### **OLD TOWN PARK**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 816 Cook Ave.

**Amenities:** 3 Playground stations w/ 4-bay swing set · ½ Court basketball · Small shelter w/ one picnic table · Portable restroom (seasonal) · Small BBQ Grill

This is a small neighborhood playground park. Park is fenced in and provides some turf areas and a basketball court. Playground equipment is designed for smaller children.

### **EAST END PARK**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 1100 Lawton Dr.

**Amenities:** Disc Golf Baskets · Gravel Trails

Community trail system includes .75 miles of trails commonly used for walking, biking and skiing. This area is also home for the 18-hole Kenai Eagle Disc Golf Course. The main entrance for the disc golf course is located at the end of Tinker Lane (behind the Kenai Peninsula Oilers baseball field).

### **SCENIC BLUFF OVERLOOK**

**PHYSICAL LOCATION:** 235 Spur View Dr.

**Amenities:** Metal Framed Gazebo · Small Picnic Pavilion · Paved Parking

Situated on top of the bluff near the mouth of the Kenai River, this area is the perfect location to enjoy all the views the lower Kenai River and associated tidal wetland areas have to offer.

# Arts & Entertainment

## EXPLORE THE GREAT INDOORS

Kenai has rich and diverse arts and culture. Take the opportunity to see a theatrical production, a modern dance performance, or an Alaska Native drum performance. Learn the story historical artifacts have to tell and let the local art speak to you. For a more energetic pursuit, check out the youth and adult programs available year-round at the Kenai Recreation Center. Or check out one of the many events that the Kenai Chamber of Commerce Holds each year!

## CALL OF THE WILD

Immerse yourself in the nature that we call home. Go beach combing for agates or shells, watch our abundant wildlife, reel in a fish on the famous Kenai River, and hike among the trees on our trail system. Visit the Kenai Municipal Golf Course for 18 holes of gorgeous Alaskan golf where it is common to see an assortment of wildlife, including moose, caribou, eagles, ducks, sandhill cranes, and coyotes. The possibilities are truly endless. You can visit the Recreation section of this guide for more information.

## PLAY AMONG THE STARS

Kenai is home to the Challenger Learning Center of Alaska, which is part of a global network of Challenger Learning Centers, developed in the spirit of the Space Shuttle Challenger crew's educational mission. The center uses simulated space and earth science missions to educate students. You're welcome to stop by the Center at 9711 Kenai Spur Highway and, if a program isn't underway, have a look around the simulator.

Once the sun has set and the stars are out, grab your camera and head north of Kenai on Marathon Road for your opportunity to see the northern lights, getting as far away from city lights as you can and look toward the northern horizon. The lights can be observed from late August to mid-April and are best seen from September to March. You can find the forecast for viewing the lights by visiting [auroraforecast.gi.alaska.edu](http://auroraforecast.gi.alaska.edu)





Whether you are looking for an evening of performing arts, dance, music, or visual arts, Kenai has a rich and diverse arts and culture scene. Local non-profit organizations produce art exhibits, theater, dance, and music year-round.

## CATCH A SHOW

Enjoy a theatrical production by one of our non-profit community theater organizations. These organizations produce several shows a season, and the BIG MUSICAL in early spring is not to be missed!

## DANCE, DANCE, DANCE

Kenai offers a variety of dance troupes spotlighting diverse dance styles and musical genres. These companies showcase their performers many times a year at various venues and provide lessons for all ages. Check local listings and Facebook for the next show!

## HEAR THE DRUMS

Kenaitze Indian Tribe's Del Dumi Drum Group encourages sobriety, respect, and pride through traditional drum songs. The group performs at tribal gatherings and travels to events around the state. Events in Kenai and at the K'Beq' Cultural Site are announced on the Kenaitze Indian Tribe website and Facebook page. [kenaitze.org](http://kenaitze.org)

## A VISUAL FEAST

Originally used as the Kenai Police and Fire Department, the transformed Kenai Art Center provides changing art shows as well as community-juried exhibitions in its gallery space located in Old Town Kenai. Ask to see the original jail cell. This venue is also home to the Kenai Potters Guild. Make sure to stop by on the First Thursday of every month for the Exhibition Receptions. Visit their website for additional information [www.kenaiartcenter.org](http://www.kenaiartcenter.org)

## KENAI CULTURAL EXHIBIT

The Kenai Visitor & Cultural Center located in old town Kenai provides changing art exhibits along with a significant collection of historic items, indigenous artifacts and work by Alaska Native artists.

## LIVE MUSIC

Visit one of our cafes, bars, or restaurants for a musically-enriched dining experience. The City of Kenai offers both casual and formal dining options where live music is performed, and some nightlife establishments host local bands. Check out the Live Like a Local section for more details on dining and nightlife.



Art Exhibits Monthly • First Fridays 5-7 pm  
Gallery Hours Wed-Sat 12-5 pm open year round

**KENAI ART CENTER**  
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# Wildlife Watching

A bald eagle is perched on a tree branch, looking towards the left. The background is filled with tree branches and autumn-colored leaves in shades of yellow and orange. The eagle has a white head and neck, a yellow beak, and dark brown feathers on its body.

KENAI IS HOME TO a thriving diversity of wildlife. Keep your eyes peeled as you never know when you might see moose ambling down the street. Make time to explore and watch for beluga whales as they feed on fish in the Kenai River or Cook Inlet and take in the view of the rich bounty of wildlife at the mouth of the Kenai River.

## **HEAD TO THE KENAI BEACH!**

Access the North Beach from South Spruce Street off the Kenai Spur Highway. If you prefer foot access, try the Meeks Trail from Old Town Kenai or walking from Kenai Municipal Park located next to the bluff overlooking the lower Cook Inlet lead to North Beach. There is staircase access to North Beach and a viewing point located at the end of Forest Drive. The South Beach is accessed from Old Cannery Road off of Cannery Road. There is easy parking and turnaround areas for RV's and campers at both North and South Beach. In July, both areas are busy with the personal use dipnet salmon fishery, and parking fees may apply.

## **KENAI RIVER FLATS AND THE KENAI WILDLIFE VIEWING PLATFORM**

Stop by the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform located near the City Dock for bird viewing opportunities. Throughout the year, tour the different access points to the Kenai River flats to find the best wildlife viewing of the day. Watch for harbor seals and beluga whales from March through April. In early May, sandhill cranes and other migrating waterfowl feed, shorebirds work along the banks, and several species of owls patrol the flats. Caribou forage from June through August. Viewing locations may also be found at the Kenai River Flats Board Walk on Bridge Access Road and at the end of Cannery Road.

## **BLUFF OVERLOOK AND KENAI OPEN SPACES**

Kenai's parks and trail system offers a variety of wildlife viewing opportunities. Watch for beluga whales as they feed on fish in the Kenai River and Cook Inlet from Cunningham Park, the Scenic Bluff Overlook located at the end of Spur View Drive, or from the overlook on the steep bluff at Erik Hansen Scout Park. Take in the view from East End Trail or Ryan's Creek Trail north of Airport Way and you might encounter the Kenai lowland caribou herd in the summer months. The herd often makes its way between the Kenai River flats to north of the City of Kenai along Marathon Road.

## **LAUNCH YOUR WILDERNESS ADVENTURE**

Kenai is within easy road access of the nearly two-million-acre Kenai National Wildlife Refuge, an undisturbed wilderness that supports caribou, moose, brown and black bears, mountain goats, Dall sheep, wolves, lynx, wolverines, bald eagles, trumpeter swans, and thousands of shorebirds and waterfowl. Whether you hike a trail into the alpine, paddle through the 100-mile canoe trail system, or camp for the night, it is a true wilderness experience. If you are ready for a bear viewing experience of a lifetime, a short flight across Cook Inlet takes you to the world-class bear viewing locations in Lake Clark National Park, Wolverine Creek, or Chinitna Bay. Reserve a cabin, backcountry camp, or book an air charter today!





Chugach National Forest

Kenai National Wildlife Refuge

Cook Inlet

Seward Hwy

Sterling Hwy

Kenai Spur Hwy

Resurrection Bay

Harding Ice Field

Tustumena Lake

Summit Lake

Cooper Lake

Skalak Lake

Captain Cook State Park

Nikiski

Soldotna

Kasilof

Clam Gulch

Girdwood

Sunrise

Hope

Turnagain Pass

Moose Pass

Cooper Landing

Sterling

Soldotna

Soldotna

To Anchorage



See KENAI City Map



# KENAI PENINSULA

## MILEAGE CHART

	NIKISKI	KENAI	SOLDOTNA	KASILOF	STERLING	COOPER LANDING	HOMER	SEWARD	ANCHORAGE
NIKISKI	0	16	27	35	37	75	105	122	173
KENAI	16	0	11	19	21	59	89	106	156
SOLDOTNA	27	11	0	18	10	48	78	95	145
KASILOF	35	19	18	0	28	66	70	112	163
STERLING	37	21	10	28	0	38	88	84	135
COOPER LANDING	75	59	48	66	38	0	147	46	97
HOMER	105	89	78	70	88	147	0	173	224
SEWARD	122	106	95	112	84	46	173	0	127
ANCHORAGE	173	156	145	163	135	97	224	127	0

↑ To  
**Nikiski**  
 Captain Cook  
 State Park  
 &  
 Kenai Sports  
 Complex

# THE CITY OF KENAI



↓ To  
**Homer**

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| Kenai Visitors & Cultural Center <b>1</b> | Kenai Court House <b>5</b>       |
| Kenai Post Office <b>2</b>                | Kenai Recreation Center <b>6</b> |
| Library/City Hall/Public Safety <b>3</b>  | Kenai Senior Center <b>7</b>     |
| Kenai Municipal Airport <b>4</b>          | Walmart <b>8</b>                 |



To Soldotna →

Convenient Fishing Locations

- To: EAGLE ROCK BOAT LAUNCH  
RT ON EAGLE ROCK DRIVE
- PILLARS BOAT LAUNCH  
RT ON SILVER SALMON DRIVE

Angler Dr.

To Soldotna →



# Birding in Kenai



PARASITIC JAEGERS, husdonain godwits, rock sandpipers, Aleutian and arctic terns, Pacific loons, black bellied plovers, Bonaparte gulls, northern hawk owls, stellar jays, boreal chickadees, dowitchers, crossbills, spruce grouse, bald eagles, herring and mew gulls are just a few of the birds one can find in the Kenai area.

The city is located adjacent to the Kenai River estuarine area and each year thousands of shorebirds migrate through the area in the spring and the fall. Stopping to feed and rest, these birds are a welcome treat to any birder. Birders have documented over 120 species of birds using this estuarine area. In addition, one of the largest breeding colonies in Alaska of herring and over 30,000 mew gulls can be found at the river mouth. Mixed in with these gulls is a small colony of Aleutian terns.

## **SPRING TO FALL**

From spring to fall Kenai is a great place to observe nesting species and the growth of their young. However, do not forget winter on the Kenai. During this time period birds that nest farther north visit the Kenai area to winter.

The Kenai Peninsula has over 270 bird species one can find within an easy hour drive from Kenai and birding is a year round event.

## **NORTH AND EAST**

A short drive North and East - from Kenai, the Kenai National Wildlife refuge offers additional birding opportunities. Birds associated with a boreal forest can be easily found and the numerous lakes harbor a variety of nesting waterfowl.

## **DRIVE SOUTH**

A short drive south - Twelve miles south of Kenai is the Kasilof River estuary, a major wintering area for rock sandpipers which can number up to 6000 birds. These birds offer great photography opportunities.

In summary, stop, look, and listen for the Kenai area birds. You will not be disappointed.



## KENAI RIVER FLATS

A must stop for bird-watchers! Siberian snow geese and other waterfowl stop to feed on this saltwater marsh in the spring. Kenai Flats State Recreation Site on the Bridge Access Road at the west end of Warren Ames Bridge; parking, picnic tables, outhouse and interpretive signs. A boardwalk and viewing telescope for wildlife-watchers is located on the Bridge Access Road east of the Warren Ames Bridge. Caribou may also be seen here in their late fall migration.



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### MORE INFORMATION

Additional information on bird watching in the Kenai area, as well as around the state can be found on the Alaska Department of Fish and Game wildlife viewing website.

[www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=birdviewing.main](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=birdviewing.main)



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**THE KENAI WILDLIFE VIEWING GUIDE** available at the **Kenai Cultural & Visitor Center** is an excellent source of information on how to get to access the various sites noted below. There are over 310 species of birds on the Kenai Peninsula.



**RED-THROATED LOON** - From the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform scan the river upstream of the platform. Also from the west side of the river look both upstream and downstream from Kenai Landing.



**RED-NECKED GREBE** - Headquarter Lake at the KNWR headquarters building has red-necked grebes, Moose river upstream of the confluence with the Kenai River has a number of them, along with various lakes of the KNWR.



**BALD EAGLE** - There are a number of bald eagle nests and bald eagles on the Kenai Peninsula. The Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform is a good spot to see eagles. Homer and Seward have a good number of eagles.



**SANDHILL CRANE** - The Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform is a good spot to view Sandhill cranes.



**PACIFIC GOLDEN PLOVER** - Shorebirds like Pacific Golden Plover are best viewed during the migration in the spring, but also during the reverse migration starting in mid-July. The Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform is a good spot along with Mud Bay or Beluga Slough in Homer.



**HUDSONIAN AND MARBLED GODWIT** Can be found on the Kenai River estuary and viewed from the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform at the end of Boat Launch Road. Check upstream along the Kenai River bank in front of the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform. They are also found in Homer at Mud Bay during the spring and fall.



**DOWITCHERS** - During spring dowitchers are numerous in Homer and at the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform. They also can be seen during the reverse migration starting in mid-July, from the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform in the small ponds along the Boat Launch Road.



**PARASITIC JAEGER** - A pair of parasitic jaegers nests on the Kenai River estuary. They are typically found near the Warren Ames Bridge on the west and north side of the river. They prefer barren areas. These birds are the dark phase and easy to spot along the numerous gulls so check out the birds flying over the river at the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform located off Boat Launch Road.



**BONAPARTE GULL** - Can be found at numerous public access spots along the Kenai River. From Sterling to the Kenai River mouth stop at the various public access points and glass the river for these birds.



**ARCTIC TERN** - Are fairly common and can be seen at Tern Lake, the mouth of the Kenai River, at the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform and up and down the Kenai River feeding on small salmonids.



**ALEUTIAN TERN** - Nest on Headquarter Lake at the KNWR visitor center in Soldotna. Take the Keen Eye Trail to the lake and scope the far end of the lake for these birds. Listen for their call as they fly overhead. In Homer a boat trip with Bay Excursions is the best chance to see these birds.



**STELLER'S JAY** - Can be hard to find. Sometimes driving in residential areas and watching feeders is the best idea.



**NORTHWESTER CROW** - Can be found in Seward, Homer and Kenai near the small boat harbors - in Kenai the best spot is from Boat Launch Road at the Kenai Wildlife Viewing Platform.



**BOREAL CHICKADEE** - Chickadees and other boreal forest birds can be found along a number of trails in Seward, Homer, Kenai and Soldotna. The Keen Eye Trail at the KNWR visitor center is a good choice. Burney Trail at Hidden Lake, Slikok Creek State Park, Carl Wynn Nature Center and other forest trails are all worth walking.



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# Local Eats

## **B&H Pizza**

Cuisine: Pizza

10544 Kenai Spur Hwy, Ste C  
907-335-0307

A hidden gem in the pizza world; you can order a full pizza pie or simply pizza by the slice. They've recently added limited seating.

Local favorite: *The Kardinal*

## **Burger Bus**

Cuisine: American

409 Overland Ave  
907-283-9611

A local favorite that continues to impress. You order out of the window of an old school bus. If you arrive at peak times be ready to hang out for a little. They're well worth the wait!

Local favorite: *Kenai Killer*

## **Charlotte's Restaurant**

Cuisine: American

115 S. Willow Street  
907-283-2777

A charming and lovely little local cafe. They make their bread daily, offer homemade desserts, daily sweet and savory crepes, and weekly wrap specials.

Local favorite: *Andy's Cranberry Turkey*

## **The Flats Bistro**

Cuisine: New American

39847 Kalifornsky Beach Road  
907-335-1010

You will enjoy, fun food that is sure to please every taste. You will find wild alaskan dishes, hand-made food, and a beautiful view of the Kenai River Flats. Full bar and local musicians most weekends.

Local favorite: *Steak or Scallops*

## **Kenai Joe's Taphouse**

Cuisine: Bar

800 Cook Dr  
907-283-5637

Enjoy a drink at the oldest operating bar on the Kenai, since 1935.

## **Mainstreet Tap and Grill**

Cuisine: American

10800 Kenai Spur Hwy  
907-395-0394

Main Street Tap and Grill offers a sports bar feel and pub style food for everyone. They often have local musicians playing in the evening as well.

Local favorite: *Buffalo Chicken Dip & Tortilla Chips*

## **Playa Azul**

Cuisine: Mexican

12498 Kenai Spur Hwy  
907-283-2010

Playa Azul offers authentic mexican food with a friendly and welcoming environment. Be sure to indulge in the outstanding salsa bar.

Local favorite: *Garlic Shrimp*

## **The Upper Deck**

Cuisine: Bar

305 North Willow St. In the Kenai Municipal Airport  
907-283-2277

Self proclaimed "best kept secret in Kenai." Be sure to stop in for a seasonally themed drink, or possibly the occasional trivia night!

## **Veronicas Cafe**

Cuisine: American

602 Peterson Way  
907-283-2725

Veronica's Cafe is located in a historic building near the bluff, across from the Russian Orthodox Church in Old Town Kenai. They offer a selection of coffee, tea, sandwiches, wraps, soups, and salads. Be sure to check their Facebook page for specials, live music nights, and more!

Local favorite: *Chicken Cashew Salad Sandwich*



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# 30 FUN THINGS TO DO IN KENAI

*Maggie's*  
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- 1** Take a walk down Meeks Trail located in Old Town Kenai to Kenai Beach for picturesque views of Mt. Redoubt, enjoy some authentic agate hunting, and dip your toes in the beautiful waters of Cook Inlet
- 2** Search for Caribou and Moose along Marathon Road or the Kenai River Flats, but always make sure to keep your eyes peeled, these beautiful creatures can be found almost anywhere just hanging out!
- 3** Enjoy the breath-taking landscape of Captain Cook State Park, just a short 32-minute (25 miles) drive North of Kenai. Don't forget to pack a lunch to enjoy while overlooking the bluff and Cook Inlet
- 4** Whether you're a seasoned veteran or just beginning, fishing from the banks of the world famous Kenai River is sure to bring a smile to anyone's face. Look on page 20 of this guide for Local Fishing Hotspots on the Kenai River.
- 5** Feel the adrenaline and excitement while you watch the stock car races at Twin City Raceway. During the winter months, bundle up good and head to mile 107 of the Sterling Hwy for some ice racing at the Decanter Inn.
- 6** Attend the annual Pumpkin Festival held in October at Millennium Square. Enjoy free pumpkins, games and pumpkin painting, along with the famous pumpkin drop wherein the mayor drops a pumpkin 60 feet from a fire truck!
- 7** Play a round of golf, or two at the Kenai Golf Course, a full-service 18 hole course. Chances are you'll catch a glimpse of several caribou, a sandhill crane family, mama moose and her babies, or a pair of bald eagles. Club rentals and push/power cart rentals are available.
- 8** Perfect your throwing technique at one of the 18 holes at the Kenai Eagle Disc Golf Course behinds the Oilers Baseball Field.
- 9** In the month of June, you can show your support to the young local entrepreneurs by stopping by the many Lemonade stands all throughout Kenai for the Annual Lemonade Day Alaska.
- 10** Get your run on, and participate in the Annual Kenai River Marathon that takes place on the last Sunday in September. Full marathon, Half marathon, Relay, and 5K races available. Register at the Kenai Visitor Center.
- 11** Bike, Jog, or Walk along the Unity Trail. This 9-mile paved trail connects Kenai to Soldotna. Don't forget your camera as you're sure to see some beautiful wildlife.
- 12** Happy Independence Day! Be sure to celebrate with the community at the annual 4th of July Festival. This event includes a parade, games, and a plethora of local vendors that offer anything from delicious foods, to handmade trinkets and gifts.
- 13** Originally used as the Kenai Police & Fire Department, the transformed Kenai Art Center provides changing art shows and exhibitions in its gallery space located in Old Town Kenai. Along with the beautiful art on display, you can also see the Kenai's original jail cell. Make sure to stop by on the first Friday of every month to enjoy one of their Exhibition receptions.
- 14** Enjoy some locally made quality brew at Kassiks Brewery located in North Kenai. Kassiks has brewed over 20 styles of beer and carries 10-15 styles on tap at any given time.
- 15** Bird watching is so peaceful, relaxing and there's no better place than Kenai. Check birds off your list at the Kenai River Flats Wildlife Viewing Platform located off Bridge Access Rd.
- 16** Take in the exhibits at the Kenai Visitor & Cultural Center which houses hundreds of artifacts from the Dena'ina & Athabaskan cultures as well as an extensive array of large and small animal mounts. The Kenai visitor center also has the largest collection of bald eagles in North America.
- 17** Come on out for Kite Day! Typically held in early summer at Millennium Park. Enjoy Local food trucks, DIY Kites as well as some free pre-made kites!
- 18** Trying to stay warm during those cold winter months but love doing outdoor activities, the Kenai Multipurpose Building offers Indoor ice skating for all ages. Check their website for current hours!
- 19** On the Saturday before Easter, there is an Easter Egg Hunt held at Municipal park. From 11 AM to 1 PM, get your search on and look for nearly 3000 eggs hidden within one of Kenai's most popular parks! Featuring pictures with the Easter Bunny, and a few fun games before the egg hunt begins.
- 20** Take a stab at Cross-country skiing, the Kenai Nordic Trail System is suitable for a beginner, yet challenging enough for an experienced skier. The terrain is predominantly flat with a variety of landscapes such as hills and passages through trees. The scenic views are beautiful, especially at sunset.
- 21** Enjoy the newest blockbuster at the Coming Attractions Movie Theater. They also have \$5 Movie Tuesdays so you can bring the whole family.
- 22** Swoosh down the waterslide or enjoy some relaxing time in the hot tub at the Nikiski pool at the North Peninsula Recreation Center in North Kenai.
- 23** Get a good workout in at the Kenai Recreation Center in their weight/cardio room. They also offer year-round activities such as Basketball, Volleyball, Racquetball, and Wallyball just to name a few. Rental options are available for your group or special occasions.
- 24** Hit up the Kenai Public Library for some great reads, or use one of the many public computers available. They also offer great children's activities throughout the day. Make sure to check their calendar for all of the free weekly programs they host and information about other services they provide. Find more information on page 54 of this guide
- 25** Participate in the annual Kenai Silver Salmon Derby held in Sept. This fishing tournament is a family friendly event where anyone can win prizes! Enjoy the fish, and test your luck! At the end of each day, the "Magic Weight" is randomly drawn; Because any fish over 4 pounds is eligible to win.
- 26** Get a flight lesson or just take a beautiful scenic tour of Kenai from the air with Kenai Aviation located just down the road from the Kenai Airport. Find their contact information in our membership directory at the back of this guide.
- 27** Kenai has multiple indoor nurseries filled with tons of native plants and flower displays. They make great gifts!
- 28** Make sure to stop by the Kenai Visitors Center the day after Thanksgiving for Christmas Comes to Kenai. Join us in the morning for free cocoa, cookies, and pictures with Santa! Then come back in the evening to watch the electric lights parade, and enjoy some fireworks by a bonfire.
- 29** Join us at one of many local & state presentations held at the Kenai Visitor Center on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month. Find the schedule on the chamber's website [www.kenaichamber.org](http://www.kenaichamber.org). It's free to attend and listen, but lunch is catered and there is a fee if you chose to eat.
- 30** Help keep Kenai beautiful by participating in the Annual Kenai Community Clean-Up held in May.



THERE ARE PLENTY of options for traveling to and from Kenai and getting around once you're here.

**FLY INTO KENAI**

The Kenai Municipal Airport is the commercial air transportation gateway to the Kenai Peninsula and West Cook Inlet. A strong transportation center with scheduled and charter passenger service for air cargo and general aviation, the Airport plays a vital role on the Peninsula.

Kenai Aviation and Grant Aviation offer daily scheduled flights to and from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Approximately 100,000 passengers a year enjoy the easy, convenient, 25-minute flight over a spectacular landscape.

Once you arrive in Kenai, car rental agencies are conveniently located in the terminal and taxi service is located just outside the terminal. Visitors and locals enjoy food and refreshments in the café or lounge while waiting for a flight or just watching airplanes.

*For more information about the Kenai Municipal Airport, visit [www.kenai.city/airport](http://www.kenai.city/airport)*

DRIVE THE 3-HOUR Seward Highway National Scenic Byway from Anchorage to Kenai. Stop along the way at numerous marked scenic access viewing points, wildlife viewing stations and hiking trails. Gas stations and facilities are available one hour south of Anchorage in Girdwood and two

hours into your drive time in Cooper Landing. Public restrooms are available at numerous places along your route.

Bring your RV on the scenic route. RV parks, dump stations, chain retail stores and many local services in Kenai will provide convenience and access to the services you need to enjoy your travels.

Call 5-1-1 for travel advisories: Travelers in Alaska can obtain information about weather-related conditions, construction activities and other relevant travel information by dialing 5-1-1. The system is both voice and keypad activated. Travelers can also access the system by logging onto <http://511.alaska.gov>.

Please honor the state laws. Headlights must be on at all times. Travel the posted speed limit. If you are not comfortable or able to travel the full speed limit, pull over often and allow others to safely pass you. The law requires that you pull over at the nearest pull outs if you have 5 or more vehicles behind you.

Accidents happen along the Seward and Sterling Highways each year due to travelers not following these state laws. If you see a driver who is driving dangerously, call 9-1-1 and report every dangerous driver.

***DRIVING MILEAGE CHART FROM KENAI***

<b>DESTINATION CITY</b>	<b>DRIVING MILES FROM KENAI</b>	<b>APPROXIMATE DRIVING TIME</b>
Anchorage	156	3 Hours
Cooper Landing	62	1 Hour
Seward	106	2 Hours
Homer	89	1½ Hours
Ninilchik	62	1 Hour
Captain Cook State Recreation Park	26	30 Minutes



# Relocation Information



## Kenai's Community Identity

THE CITY OF KENAI'S name and city logo signify a unique and distinctive community with Dena'ina and Russian roots, world-class recreational fishing, offshore energy resources, and spectacular mountain vistas.

Kenai's motto: "Village with a past - City with a future" - affirms the community's appreciation for its colorful history and its ambitions for tomorrow.

Kenai is located at the mouth of the Kenai River on the west coast of the Kenai Peninsula. Kenai incorporated as a city in 1960, and it became part of the Kenai Peninsula Borough when the Borough incorporated in 1964. The City of Kenai adopted the council-manager form of government in 1963 and has been operating under this form since that time.

The City of Kenai benefits from a number of social, economic and geographic characteristics.

- ◆ The City lies within a rich natural setting above the Kenai River overlooking Cook Inlet, with views of Redoubt and Iliamna volcanoes and the distant Chigmit Mountains.
- ◆ A variety of land is available for future growth.
- ◆ The local economy is diversified, there is a well-qualified work force, and wages are competitive.
- ◆ The City government is in excellent financial condition.
- ◆ Residents enjoy a choice of residential neighborhoods and lifestyles.
- ◆ A variety of world-class outdoor recreation opportunities are available to residents and visitors, including the Kenai River, Cook Inlet, State lands, and Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

## Economy

Unlike the rest of the country, Alaska did not experience a sharp recession in 2009. The Kenai Peninsula Borough has one of the most diverse economies in Alaska, and this diversity has softened negative impacts to the regional economy.

## Forging Ahead in Cook Inlet

When one looks out across Cook Inlet and takes in the grandeur of the

volcanoes towering above its pristine waters, it is difficult to imagine anything more impressive. But there is. Something that is the backbone and engine of the Alaska economy: Oil and Gas.

Alaska's Cook Inlet was the location of its first large oil and gas find back in 1957, even before statehood. Since then, this important basin has produced nearly 1.4 billion barrels of oil and 10 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. The U.S. Geological Survey scientists theorize that is only 4% of the available resource and believe we have only scratched the surface of what could be discovered. When oil was discovered on the North Slope in the late 70s, in amounts unimaginable at the time, all attention shifted north to drill and construct the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System (TAPS), leaving Cook Inlet to languish quietly ... until now.

## Resurgence of Oil & Gas

- ◆ Hilcorp bought out Chevron and recently acquired Marathon's assets, making it the largest producer in Cook Inlet. They are aggressively drilling for oil and gas and have contracted to supply gas to all Cook Inlet utilities.
- ◆ Buccaneer has found and developed gas at Kenai Loop and are exploring onshore east of Homer. Offshore they have announced a discovery at Cosmopolitan and will be exploring other Cook Inlet prospects.
- ◆ Furie has announced a discovery at Kitchen Lights unit and have indicated that they are developing to being production as early as the end of 2014.
- ◆ Armstrong has developed North Fork Unit and has recently sold it to Cook Inlet Energy.
- ◆ Cook Inlet Energy has brought Redoubt Shoals unit back into production and are exploring for gas onshore of West Cook Inlet.
- ◆ Nordaq is planning to delineate and develop Shadura in the Kenai Moose Range and have been exploring on the west Cook Inlet at Tiger Eye.
- ◆ Apache has acquired a large lease position offshore and onshore CI and have acquired 3D over much of the area and recently drilled an exploration well onshore west Cook Inlet.

## Commercial Fisheries & Seafood Processing

The commercial fishing and the seafood processing industries, while cyclical, are still the foundation of Kenai's economy and still a driving economic force. In addition to some year round and many seasonal employment opportunities, the local commercial fishing and processing industry rely upon numerous local vendors to supply and support their business year round. Seafood processing continues to contribute to the local economy. Companies process salmon, herring, halibut, pacific and black cod and razor clams, including locally caught seafood as well as fish caught in other areas of the state such as Bristol Bay, Prince William Sound and Kodiak. The seafood industry in Cook Inlet originally focused on production of high quantities of canned salmon. Local seafood processors now focus on predominantly high quality fresh seafood delivered across the United States during the salmon and halibut season as well as fresh frozen products that are distributed to markets worldwide after the season.

The Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute lists seven businesses in Kenai that supply seafood, and the Kenai Peninsula Borough recognized the importance of the area by designating it a seafood processing area in its 2008 Coastal Management Plan.

In 2009, Kenai was ranked as one of the top 50 U.S. ports for volume of seafood deliveries.

## Visitor Industry / Tourism

The Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development estimates that about 500,000 people visit the Kenai Peninsula each summer. Tourism has been one of the fastest growing sectors in the Borough. Visitor patterns are highly seasonal with outdoor recreation and sport fishing representing the major visitor activities, and the historic Old Town Kenai is an important attraction. Alaska residents represent the largest group of visitors to the Kenai Peninsula.

The Kenai River provides a major recreation destination for both residents and visitors. The charter fishing industry provides economic benefits to the City of Kenai through employment and through local spending by clients.



# DAY TRIPS

WHEN LEAVING the City of Kenai you may want to consider visiting our southern and eastern neighbors. Day trips South and East of the city of Kenai offer great Alaskan experiences. These unique communities are located along the scenic Sterling Highway and Seward Highway. Exploring the Kenai Peninsula will be a memory not soon forgotten.

## HEADING EAST

**STERLING** - Like to canoe? This community has an extensive canoe trail system that is nothing short of wild! Sterling also offers great sportfishing and guided hunting trips.

**COOPER LANDING** - Nestled in the mountains, this community offers rafting, fishing, and hiking like no other. Allow yourself some time to explore this little gem.

**MOOSE PASS** - Surrounded by the Chugach National Forest, this town is known for an amazing network of hiking trails. And don't miss their Summer Solstice Festival!

**SEWARD** - A place you can't miss! This mural clad community has no shortage of year long activities. Whether you jog up Mt. Marathon, visit the famous Sea-life Center, or brave the icy waters of the polar bear

jump off, you will remember your trip to Seward.

**SOLDOTNA** - Located on the world-famous Kenai River and voted #1 fishing spot in North America, this community has a vast wildlife trail system known as the "Kenai Peninsula Wildlife Viewing Trail" where you can see the Kenai Peninsula's Big Four - Moose, Black Bear, Caribou, and Brown Bear. It is also home to the Kenai National Wildlife Refuge.

## HEADING SOUTH

**KASILOF** - This popular summer destination offers amazing fishing off the Kasilof River and Johnson Lake. While there you will want to visit the three state parks near Tustumena Lake, the largest lake on the peninsula.

**CLAM GULCH** - Known for its clam digging and beach combing, Clam Gulch offers breath-taking views of St. Augustine, Mount Iliamna, Mount Redoubt, and Mount Spur.

**NINILCHIK** - You will fall in love with this little fishing community. Take a detour to the historical Russian Village and the Russian Orthodox Church. If fishing is on your mind, there is no shortage of charter services offered in this community.

**HAPPY VALLEY** - Take a pit stop at this small town with a big heart. Lodging and fishing available.

**ANCHOR POINT** - Try your luck fishing on the famous Anchor River, and boast that you've been to North America's most westerly community accessible by road.

**NIKOLAEVSK** - Russian Culture thrives in this tiny picturesque village. A great stop off the Sterling Hwy from Anchor Point.

**HOMER** - Known as the halibut capitol of the world, plays host to great artwork, beautiful scenery, and amazing fishing. If any of that sounds appealing then you will love Homer!

**HALIBUT COVE** - A beautiful little art community tucked away in Alaska's first State Park, Kachemak Bay State Park. This community is only accessible by boat or float plane.

**SELDOVIA** - A quiet little getaway off the road system. A short boat ride or flight away, this town truly is one of Alaska's best kept secrets!



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on wheels on your schedule! Need a place to park? Check out our business directory on pages 47-61 or visit our website at [www.visitkenai.com](http://www.visitkenai.com). Campgrounds can be found at the Division of Parks & Outdoor Recreation website ([www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks](http://www.dnr.alaska.gov/parks)).

Listed are RV dumpsites and propane services. Not all services are free and you may be required to be a guest to use these services. Questions? Contact the Kenai Visitors & Cultural Center at 907-283-1991.

RV DUMP SITES & PROPANE				Fill Station		Propane	
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	Holiday Gas Station	10671 Kenai Spur Hwy	NO FEE				
	Speedway Express	11120 Kenai Spur Hwy					
	Three Bears	10575 Kenai Spur Hwy					
	Walmart	10096 Kenai Spur Hwy					
Soldotna	Alaska Propane	4265 Kalifornsky Beach Rd					
	AmeriGas Propane	35992 Kenai Spur Hwy					
	Centennial Campground	34246 Centennial Park Rd	\$20				
	Fred MEyer	42843 Sterling Hwy	NO FEE				
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Speedway Express	44279 Sterling Hwy	NO FEE					

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# Embracing Alaska's Coastal Embrace: A Homecoming from Copper Basin to The Kenai Peninsula

Written By: Christy Holmes - Local Author and Business Owner

After seven incredible years amidst the rugged beauty of the Copper Basin, our journey took an unexpected turn towards the coastal embrace of the Kenai Peninsula. Leaving behind the sweeping valleys and towering peaks, we found ourselves welcomed by the salt-kissed air and picturesque landscapes of our new home.

The transition wasn't just a change of scenery; it was an immersion into a community that radiates warmth and hospitality. The Kenai Peninsula, with its rich tapestry of coastal wonders, welcomed us with open arms, affirming the cherished notion that being Alaskan creates an instant bond among strangers.

It's a remarkable experience to witness how the spirit of Alaska weaves its magic, creating connections that surpass geographical boundaries. From the

Copper Basin's tight-knit community to the open arms of the Kenai Peninsula, the shared identity of being Alaskan forms an unspoken bond that resonates deeply.

What stands out is the palpable sense of welcome from the locals, a reflection of the inclusive nature that defines Kenai. Whether it's the friendly waves exchanged with neighbors or the genuine conversations sparked in local coffee shops, the Peninsula radiates a sense of community that feels like a homecoming.

In our new coastal haven, surrounded by the whispers of the sea and the echoes of maritime tales, we've come to appreciate the distinct charm of Kenai. The allure isn't just in the breathtaking scenery but in the genuine smiles of those who call this place home. It's a reminder that, in Alaska,

welcoming newcomers is not just a tradition but a way of life.

While we eagerly anticipate sharing our vast land with the outside world, there's an undeniable charm in cherishing those moments when it's just us locals. Whether it's a quiet evening by the fire or a shared adventure in the untamed wilderness, there's a sense of camaraderie that only those who call Alaska home can truly understand.

As we settle into the rhythm of Kenai life, we find solace in the balance between sharing our home with the world and savoring the intimate moments that make us locals. The Kenai Peninsula isn't just a destination; it's a haven where the shared love for Alaska binds us together, creating a tapestry of unity that transcends the boundaries of time and geography. Welcome to our home, please enjoy your stay!



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# Why Silvers are the Perfect Salmon

Article by *Mark Wackler* - Fishing Guide & Owner of *Fishology*

When it comes to salmon fishing every angler has their favorite species. Some prefer king salmon for their raw power and elusiveness, some prefer sockeye salmon for their accessibility, and others prefer pink or chum salmon due to their sheer abundance. But there's only one salmon species that contains a touch of all these attributes, the silver salmon. Also known as Coho, these salmon attract anglers from around the world for many reasons. Let's take a moment to go through each of the silver salmon's most notable qualities that make them the perfect salmon for so many anglers.

## The Fight

The first thing most anglers think about when silver salmon are mentioned is the incredible fight that these fish unleash when they find themselves on the end of your line. On the Kenai River, silvers are notorious for their acrobatics, leaving the water almost immediately each and every time they're hooked. Not only are they acrobatic, they're powerful, and regularly use sudden bursts of power in an attempt to shake the hook from their mouth and dodge your net. Silvers provide an adrenaline-pumping challenge for even the most seasoned salmon

enthusiast, so when you hook into a silver salmon you better hang on. They might streak upstream, they might run downstream, they might dart to the other side of the river, and they might decide to leap out of the water time and time again. In all reality, they usually do all of the above!

## Run Length

One of the greatest attributes of silver salmon is the length of time they run river. We start to catch a few silvers starting in late July on the lower Kenai River, and the first run extends through the end of August. The second run of silvers, which is made up of larger fish, commonly in the 10-15lb range, peaks in mid/late September and extends all the way into early winter. While other salmon species make a relatively brief appearance in freshwater, you can legitimately expect to catch chrome silver salmon in the Kenai River for up to 4 months. We typically fish them all the way through September and well into October, until the weather becomes a challenge. Often times the best silver salmon fishing of the year takes place very late into the fall, so don't put your boat away too early!

## They're Delicious

Renowned for being delectable table fare, silver salmon is a delicious

eating fish. This is especially true when they are harvested in the lower stretches of the Kenai River, retaining those bright chrome scales that gave them their name. Many enjoy their mild taste compared to some of the other salmon, and as a bonus they're jam packed with healthy Omega 3's and vitamin D. Whether on the grill, smoker, canned, baked, or any other culinary style, silver salmon offer a versatile and mouthwatering dining experience. They are my favorite salmon to prepare fresh on the grill, and in fact you can expect to find a fresh silver salmon fillet on my grill a couple evenings a week during August and September.

## Abundance

Silver salmon are the most abundant of the **biting** salmon that most anglers regularly choose to **harvest on the Kenai River**. Sockeye salmon are sometimes more abundant than silvers, but typically require wading in the river and a snagging technique that isn't suitable for everyone. Pink salmon are often more abundant than silver salmon, but pinks are far less palatable, and while they can be a lot of fun to catch, most anglers choose to release them and instead harvest the more desirable silver salmon that run alongside. King salmon are not found in high abundances and therefore catching them can be a frustrating challenge,



especially for young and beginner anglers. In contrast, silver salmon are aggressive biters, make fantastic table fare, and are found in high enough abundances to keep even kids and newbie anglers thoroughly entertained.

**Lots of Ways to Catch Them**

As I mentioned above, silver salmon are known to be very aggressive biters. They are also willing to strike many different baits and lures presented in many different ways. Anglers can fish actively by casting lures or flies, troll different lures behind the boat, or simply put bait on the bottom and relax. A professional and versatile guide will do everything they can to “crack the code” when silvers are being a bit picky, and it’s really fun and rewarding to employ multiple methods & tactics on a single fishing trip. The variety of techniques that can be employed make silver salmon a welcome entry point to the world of salmon fishing

for beginners, but also a stimulating challenge for seasoned veterans.

**Combo Trips**

My personal favorite aspect of silver salmon is that they do not run alone! During the fall months there are also rainbow trout, pink salmon, and often sockeye salmon in the Kenai River all at the same time. Sometimes these fish are caught using the same techniques we employ when targeting silver salmon; other times you may spend half the trip targeting one species, then completely switch up the gear and spend the remaining hours targeting another. Silver/Trout combos are by far our most requested guided trip during the fall months. They really make the perfect fishing trip with multiple techniques involved, and lots of opportunities for tight lines!

In my humble opinion, silver salmon are indeed the perfect salmon species. They’re tenacious fighters,

they run in strong numbers with several other species mixed in, they occupy the river for many months, they make a healthy & delicious meal, and they can be caught utilizing a variety of different methods. There’s no doubt that other salmon species have their strengths, but none of them can boast so many coveted qualities at once.

Picture yourself casting a line into the emerald-green waters of the Kenai River surrounded by breathtaking scenery and nature all around you. Feel your adrenaline rush as a chrome-bright silver salmon grabs your line and takes off in a spectacular display of strength and agility. Imagine the rewarding feeling you’ll get by feeding your family a delicious & healthy meal that you harvested yourself. All of this is very possible right here on the Kenai! I highly recommend that you try your luck at silver salmon fishing; I have a strong hunch you won’t regret it.



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**2023 KSSD Winner - Abigail Craig**  
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# KENAI COMMUNITY LIBRARY

THE CITY OF KENAI boasts one of the finest public libraries in the state with a facility that includes a children's room, fireplace, numerous study nooks, and a dedicated teen area. The library has two entrances, on Fidalgo Street and Main Street Loop with parking on both sides.

Library staff provide a variety of programs of interest to patrons of all ages. Children's programming includes weekly story times, a summer reading program, and a

variety of craft and other programs including a Lego Club. Of interest to adults are the monthly Community Book Club, DIY Workshops, beading classes, cooking and family sewing. The Totem Tracers genealogical society group and Writers's Club continue to have regular meetings at the library.

Several special collections located in the library include Alaskan, genealogy, audio books, music CDs, and DVD's. Several Alaskan papers

are received on a daily basis at the library, as well as the Sunday editions of the New York Times and the Seattle Times. The Alaska Digital Pipeline link available in the library and from our website provides access to full-text newspaper, journal articles, TV and radio transcripts, reference materials, live homework help and access to Mango Languages. The Library provides access to the Listen Alaska Plus program allowing patrons to download audio books, music and e-books.

The library has partnered with the Internal Revenue Service to offer users access via videoconferencing to the IRS Tax Advocate Service. The service allows taxpayers to consult in real time with an IRS representative and to get assistance with tax issues and forms.

Participation in the Alaska OWL (Online with Libraries) videoconferencing project allows users of the library to attend presentations from anywhere around the country and the world as well as to connect with other libraries in the state.

The library collection includes approximately 86,000 items. Patrons have access to the internet by using either one of our nine computers, twelve laptops, ten iPads, or the free wireless network.



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# SENIOR SERVICES



## Lively, Involved, and Energetic

The Kenai Senior Center provides a lively atmosphere as well as much needed assistance with available resources for seniors such as Meals on Wheels, Senior Benefits and Social Security Information.

Enjoy lunch Monday – Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or stop by for an exercise classes such as Zumba, Tai-Chi or Growing Strong (strength training). Learn a new skill, like guitar, Spanish or polish up on your writing skills! These classes happen at different times throughout the week. Find the schedule of activities and additional information about Kenai's Senior Center on their website, or stop by to say hello.

361 Senior Court  
Kenai, AK 99611

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

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## Global Credit Union

(907) 2683180  
<https://www.globalcu.org>

## Northrim Bank

(907) 261-6228  
<https://www.northrim.com>

### **Nuvision Credit Union**

(907) 257-1669

<https://www.nuvisionfederal.com>

### **Fire Systems**

#### **Fire Control Systems, Inc.**

(907) 283-7518

### **Fish Processing & Market**

#### **Kenai Fish**

9072833474

[www.kenaifish.com](http://www.kenaifish.com)

### **Freight/Shipping Services**

#### **Lynden**

(907) 260-6500

<https://www.lynden.com>

#### **Shipping Zone**

(907) 283-4900

<https://www.shippingzone.org>

#### **TOTE Maritime**

(907) 265-0461

<https://www.totemaritime.com>

### **Funeral Home**

#### **Peninsula Memorial Chapel, Inc.**

(907) 283-3333

<https://www.alaskanfuneral.com>

### **Graphic & Web Design**

#### **Floyd Creative**

(907) 831-0706

### **IT Services**

#### **North Tech Group**

(907) 262-1455

<https://www.northtechgroup.com>

### **Industrial Services & Supplies**

#### **ARG Industrial**

(907) 395-0575

[www.alaskarubbergroup.com](http://www.alaskarubbergroup.com)

### **Insurance Agency**

#### **Kristie Babcock State Farm Insurance**

(907) 283-7116

<https://www.kristiebabcock.com>

#### **Walters & Associates Insurance, Inc.**

(907) 283-5116

<https://www.waltersakinsurance.com>

### **Janitorial Services**

#### **AK Cleaning Fairy**

(907) 598-4848

#### **Tim's Janitorial Services, Inc.**

(907) 283-3362

<https://www.timsjanitorial.com>

### **Laundry & Dry Cleaning Services**

#### **Kenai Wash and Dry**

(907) 283-8473

#### **Sophie's Suds**

(907) 262-7666

<https://www.sophiessuds.com>

### **Legal Services**

#### **Holmes Weddle & Barcott**

(907) 283-7167

<https://www.hwb-law.com>

#### **Molloy & Schmidt LLC**

(907) 283-8383

<https://www.molloyschmidt.net>

### **Machine Service & Repair**

#### **Dukowitz Machine, Inc.**

(907) 776-8178

<https://www.dukowitzmachine.com>

### **Manufacturing Supplies**

#### **GLM Energy Services, LLC**

(907) 283-7556

<https://www.glmenergyllc.com>

### **Mortgage Lenders**

#### **Global Credit Union Home Loans**

(907) 395-4528

<https://www.globalcu.org/home-loans/>

#### **Residential Mortgage, LLC NMLS #167729**

(907) 260-9701

<https://www.residentialmtg.mymortgage-online.com>

### **News & Media**

#### **Alaska Multiculture Corp**

9072621439

[www.alaskamulticulturecorp.com](http://www.alaskamulticulturecorp.com)

#### **Great Lander Publications**

(907) 274-0611

<https://www.greatlander.com>

#### **KDLL, Pickle Hill Public Broadcasting**

(907) 283-8433

<https://www.kdllradio.org>

#### **KSRM Radio Group**

(907) 283-8700

<https://www.radiokenai.com>

#### **Peninsula Clarion**

(907) 283-7551

<https://www.peninsulaclarion.com>

### **Plumbing & Heating Services**

#### **Living Waters Plumbing & Mechanical**

(907) 231-6034

[livingwatersllc.com](http://livingwatersllc.com)

### **Preferred Plumbing & Heating**

(907) 283-7909

<https://www.pphak.com>

### **Postal Services**

#### **Kenai Freight Forwarders**

9073475564

<https://www.kenaifreightforwarders.com>

#### **U.S. Post Office - Kenai Office**

(907) 283-7771

### **Printing Services**

#### **Kelley Create**

(907) 262-1200

<https://www.printwithkelley.com>

#### **Local Print Alaska**

(907) 398-7044

### **Screen Printing/Embroidery**

#### **Gamas Designs**

(907) 262-6370

<https://www.gamasdesigns.com>

#### **Walden Bros LLC.**

(907) 394-5510

<https://waldenbros.store>

### **Signs**

#### **Alaska Sign Source**

(907) 776-8503

<https://www.alaskasignsource.com>

### **Title Insurance Agencies**

#### **First American Title**

(907) 262-5708

<https://www.firstam.com>

#### **Stewart Title of the Kenai Peninsula**

(907) 260-8031

<https://www.stewartkenai.com>

### **Tree Services**

#### **Doug Koch Professional Tree Service**

(907) 398-8733

<https://www.protreeserviceak.com>

### **Trucking Company**

#### **Weaver Brothers Inc.**

(907) 283-7957

<https://www.weaverbrothersinc.com>

### **Utilities**

#### **Alaska Communications**

(907) 297-3000

<https://www.alaskacommunications.com>

**Alaska Waste**  
(907) 283-9390  
<https://www.alaskawaste.com>

**AT&T**  
(907) 264-8391  
<https://www.att.com>

**Enstar Natural Gas Co.**  
(907) 262-9334  
<https://www.enstarnaturalgas.com>

**GCI Store - Soldotna**  
(907) 262-3266  
[www.gci.com](http://www.gci.com)

**Homer Electric Association, Inc.**  
(907) 283-5831  
<https://www.homerelectric.com>

**Kachemak Electric Co., Inc.**  
(907) 283-3360  
<https://www.kachemakelectric.com>

## Video Production

**Martin Media, LLC**  
(907) 398-0797  
<https://www.martinmedia.us>

# Chamber of Commerce/ Visitor Center

## Chamber of Commerce

**Alaska Chamber**  
(907) 278-2722  
<https://www.alaskachamber.com>

**Anchor Point Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 235-2600  
<https://www.anchorpointchamber.org>

**Anchorage Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 272-2401  
<https://www.anchoragechamber.org>

**Big Lake Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 892-6109  
<https://www.biglakechamber.org>



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**Bristol Bay Borough Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 246-2222  
<https://www.bristolbaychamber.com>

**Cooper Landing Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 595-8888  
<https://www.cooperlandingchamber.com>

**Cordova Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 424-7260  
<https://www.cordovachamber.com>

**Delta Junction Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 895-5068  
<https://www.deltachamber.org>

**Funny River Chamber of Commerce  
Community Association**  
(907) 262-0879

**Girdwood Chamber of Commerce**  
(888) 999-9587  
<https://www.visitgirdwood.com>

**Greater Copper Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 822-5555  
<https://www.coppervalleychamber.com>

**Greater Fairbanks Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 452-1105  
<https://www.fairbankschamber.org>

**Greater Juneau Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 463-3488  
<https://www.juneauchamber.com>

**Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 225-3184  
<https://www.ketchikanchamber.com>

**Greater Palmer Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 745-2880  
<https://www.palmerchamber.org>

**Greater Wasilla Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 376-1299  
<https://www.wasillachamber.org>

**Greater Whittier Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 529-0235  
<https://www.whittieralaskachamber.org>

**Haines Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 766-2202  
<https://www.haineschamber.org>

**Homer Chamber of Commerce & Visitor  
Center**  
(907) 235-7740  
<https://www.homer-alaska.org>

**Kodiak Area Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 486-5557  
<https://www.kodiakchamber.org>

**Ninilchik Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 567-3571  
<https://www.ninilchikchamber.com>

**North Pole Chamber of Commerce**  
<https://www.northpolechamber.us>

**Petersburg Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 772-3646  
<https://www.petersburg.org>

**Prince of Wales Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 755-2626  
<https://www.princeofwalescoc.org>

**Seldovia Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 234-7612  
<https://www.seldoviachamber.org>

**Seward Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 224-8051  
<https://www.seward.com>

**Soldotna Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 262-9184  
<https://www.visitsoldotna.com>

**Talkeetna Chamber of Commerce**  
(907) 414-0376  
<https://www.talkeetnachamber.org>

**U.S. Chamber of Commerce**  
(202) 659-6000  
<https://www.uschamber.com>

## Visitor Center

**Discover Kodiak**  
(907) 486-4782  
<https://www.kodiak.org>

**Discover Valdez**  
(907) 835-2984  
<https://www.valdezalaska.org>

**Explore Fairbanks**  
(907) 456-5774  
<https://www.explorefairbanks.com>

**Haines Convention & Visitors Bureau**  
(907) 766-6418  
<https://www.visithaines.com>

**Kenai National Wildlife Refuge**  
(907) 262-7021  
<https://www.fws.gov/refuge/kenai>

### **Ketchikan Visitors Bureau**

(907) 225-6166

<https://www.visit-ketchikan.com>

### **Mat-Su Convention & Visitors Bureau**

(907) 746-5000

<https://www.alaskavisit.com>

### **Tok Visitor Center**

(907) 883-5775

<https://www.tokalaskainfo.com>

### **Travel Juneau**

(907) 586-2201

<https://www.traveljuneau.com>

### **Unalaska Convention & Visitors Bureau**

(907) 581-2612

<https://www.unalaska.org>

### **Visit Anchorage**

(907) 257-2363

<https://www.anchorage.net>

### **Visit Sitka**

(907) 747-8604

<https://www.visitsitka.org>

## **Dining & Spirits**

### Casual Dining

#### **Alaska Coastal Catering, LLC**

(907) 230-6184

#### **Ammo-Can Coffee**

9072608888

[www.ammocancoffee.ninja](http://www.ammocancoffee.ninja)

#### **B&H Pizza**

(907) 335-0307

#### **Buckets Sports Grill**

(907) 262-7220

<https://www.bucketssportsgrill.com>

#### **Burger Bus**

(907) 283-9611

#### **Charlotte's Restaurant**

(907) 283-2777

#### **Everything Bagels**

(907) 252-8135

#### **McDonald's of Kenai**

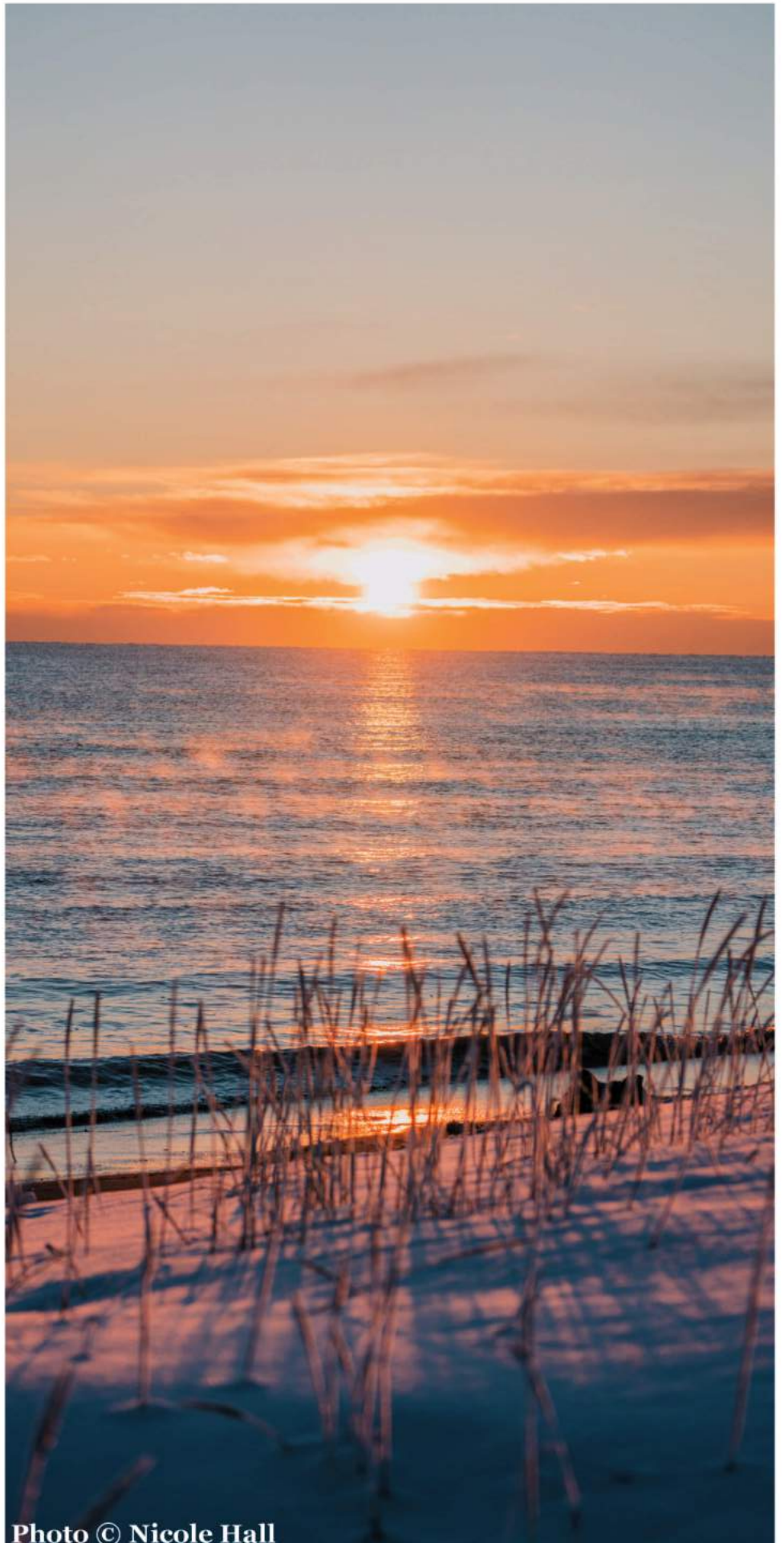
(907) 953-4255

<https://www.mcdonalds.com>

#### **Odie's Deli**

(907) 260-9000

<https://odiesdeli.com/>



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### **Pita Pit**

(907) 260-7482  
<https://www.pitapitusa.com>

### **Playa Azul**

(907) 283-2010

### **The Flats Bistro**

(907) 335-1010  
<https://www.theflatsbistro.com>

### **The Upper Deck**

(907) 283-2277

### **Veronica's Cafe**

(907) 283-2725

### Food Truck

#### **Ammo-Can Coffee**

9072608888  
[www.ammocancoffee.ninja](http://www.ammocancoffee.ninja)

#### **Wok N' Roll**

(907) 394-0980

### Spirits & Brews

#### **Cooper Landing Brewing Company**

(907) 595-2522  
<https://www.cooperlandingbrewing.com>

#### **Kenai Joe's Taphouse**

9079537004

#### **Kenai River Brewing Co**

(907) 262-2337  
<https://www.kenaibrewing.com>

### Wineries

#### **Alaska Berries**

(907) 252-8511  
<https://www.alaskaberries.com>

#### **Bear Creek Winery & Lodging**

(907) 318-2470  
<https://www.bearcreekwinery.com>

## **Healthcare**

### Health Care Services

#### **LifeMed Alaska**

(907) 563-6633  
<https://www.lifemedalaska.com>

#### **Peninsula Community Health Services of Alaska**

(907) 260-7300  
<https://www.pchsak.org>

### Hospital

#### **Central Peninsula Hospital**

(907) 714-4600  
<https://www.cpgh.org>

### Medical Clinic

#### **Alaska Vein Care**

(907) 283-2825  
<https://www.alaskaveincare.com>

#### **Capstone Clinic**

(907) 395-0463  
<https://www.capstoneclinic.com>

#### **Odyssey Family Practice**

(907) 313-4569  
<https://www.odysseyfamilypractice.com>

#### **Kenai Veterinary Hospital**

(907) 283-4148  
<https://www.kenaveterinaryhospital.com>

#### **Kenai Vision Center**

(907) 802-6468  
<https://www.visionsource-kenavision.com>

## **Local Resources**

### Alaska Native Corporations

#### **Kenaitze Indian Tribe, IRA**

(907) 335-7200  
<https://www.kenaitze.org>

#### **Salamatof Native Association, Inc.**

(907) 283-7864  
<https://www.salamatof.com/>

### Borough Services

#### **Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association**

907-283-9433  
[www.ciaanet.org](http://www.ciaanet.org)

#### **Kenai Peninsula Borough**

(907) 262-4441  
<https://www.kpb.us>

### Church & Religious Organizations

#### **Alaska Christian College**

(907) 394-1988  
<https://www.alaskacc.edu>

#### **Anchor in Christ Bible College**

(907) 570-8488

#### **Kenai Fellowship**

(907) 398-9582  
<https://www.kenaifellowship.com>

#### **Kenai United Methodist Church**

(907) 283-7868

## Educational Learning Centers

**Challenger Learning Center of Alaska**  
(907) 283-2000  
<https://www.akchallenger.org>

**Friends of the Kenai Community Library**  
(907) 283-4378  
<https://www.friendskenailibrary.org>

**Kenai Peninsula Borough School District**  
(907) 714-8888  
<https://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us>

**Kenai Peninsula College, Kenai River Campus**  
(907) 262-0318  
<https://www.kpc.alaska.edu>

**Kenai Peninsula Driving Instruction**  
(907) 335-3333  
<https://www.alaskacd.com>

## Employment Services

**Peninsula Job Center**  
(907) 335-3000  
<https://www.jobs.alaska.gov>

## Engineering

**Central Alaska Engineering Company**  
(907) 260-5311  
<https://www.akengineer.com>

**Lowell Perry Engineering, LLC**  
(907) 953-7308  
[lowellperryengineering.com](http://lowellperryengineering.com)

**Nelson Engineering, P.C.**  
(907) 283-3583  
<https://www.nelsonengineeringalaska.com>

**RESPEC**  
(907) 743-3200  
<https://www.respec.com>

## Local Government

**City of Kenai**  
(907) 283-7535  
<https://www.kenai.city>

## Senior Services

**Aspen Creek Senior Living**  
(907) 335-2050  
<https://aspencreekseniorliving.com>

**Frontier Community Services**  
(907) 262-6331  
<https://www.fcsonline.org>

**Hospice of the Central Peninsula**  
(907) 262-0453  
<https://www.hospiceofcentralpeninsula.com>

**Kenai Senior Center / Kenai Senior Connection**  
(907) 283-4156  
<https://www.kenai.city/senior-services/page/senior-center>

**Nikiski Senior Center**  
(907) 776-7654  
<https://www.nikiskiseniorcenter.org>

**Senior Helpers of the Kenai Peninsula**  
(907) 260-3251  
<https://www.seniorhelpers.com/ak/kenai-peninsula/>

**Love INC of the Kenai Peninsula**  
(907) 262-5140  
<https://www.peninsulaloveinc.org>



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# Non-Profit Organizations

## Alaska Salmon Alliance

(907) 395-7068

<https://www.aksalmonalliance.org>

## American Cancer Society

<https://www.cancer.org>

## American Red Cross of Alaska

(907) 646-5401

<https://www.redcross.org/ak/anchorage>

## Arctic Barnabas Ministries

(907) 283-3377

[www.arcticbarnabas.org](http://www.arcticbarnabas.org)

## Boys & Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula

(907) 283-2682

[www.bgckp.org](http://www.bgckp.org)

## Kenai Elks Lodge # 2425

(907) 283-7776

## Kenai Historical Society

9072831946

<https://www.facebook.com/kenaihistory>

## Kenai Lions Club

(907) 398-9038

## Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District

(907) 283-3335

<https://www.kpedd.org>

## Kenai Peninsula Fair Association

(907) 567-3670

<https://www.kenaipeninsulafair.com>

## Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Inc.

(907) 416-7619

<https://www.kpfoodbank.org>

## Kenai River Sportfishing Association

(907) 262-8588

<https://www.krsea.com>

## Kenai Watershed Forum

(907) 260-5449

<https://www.kenaiwatershed.org>

## Rotary Club of Kenai

(907) 740-3501

[Kenairotary.com](http://Kenairotary.com)

## Sterling Senior Center

(907) 262-6808

<https://www.sterlingseniors.org>

## The LeeShore Center

(907) 283-9479

<https://www.leeshoreak.org>

## United Cook Inlet Drift Association

(907) 260-9436

<http://www.ucida.org>

## Professional Counseling

### Cook Inlet Counseling

(907) 283-3658

<https://www.alaskacicada.org>

# Oil & Gas Services

## Airgas - An Air Liquide Company

(907) 283-7141

<https://www.airgas.com>

## Alaska Oil & Gas Association

(907) 272-1481

<https://www.aoga.org>

## All American Oilfield LLC

(907) 283-1048

<https://www.allamericoilfield.com>

## ConocoPhillips

(907) 776-8500

<https://www.alaska.conocophillips.com>

## Cook Inlet Spill Prevention & Response, Inc.

(907) 776-5129

<https://www.cispri.org>

## Hilcorp Alaska LLC

(907) 777-8300

<https://www.hilcorp.com>

## MagTec Alaska LLC

(907) 335-6305

<https://www.magtecalaska.com>

## Marathon Petroleum Corporation

(907) 776-3555

<https://www.marathonpetroleum.com>



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## **Nutrien**

(907) 776-8144  
<https://www.nutrien.com>

## **Petroleum Equipment & Services**

(907) 335-2781  
<https://www.pesiak.com>

# **Personal Services**

## Fitness Centers

**Anytime Fitness Soldotna**  
(907) 262-6197  
<https://www.anytimefitness.com>

## Hair Salon

**Affinity Salon & Day Spa**  
(907) 283-9356  
<https://www.affinity-salon.com>

## Med Spa

**Cheeky Medspa**  
(907) 252-3198  
<https://www.alaskacheeky.com>

## Nail Salon

**C.C. Nails**  
(907) 252-9670

## Professional Counseling

**Healing Tides Counseling, LLC**  
(907) 744-7969  
<https://www.christineprokop.com/>

**New Hope Counseling Center**  
(907) 260-7423  
<https://www.newhopesoldotna.com>

## Tanning Salon

**Bear Naked Tanning Salon, LLC**  
(907) 394-1861

# **Real Estate**

## Building Supplies

**Morgan Steel, Inc.**  
(907) 283-7136  
<https://www.morgansteelalaska.com>

## Commercial Building Supplies

**Davis Block & Concrete**  
(907) 335-5106  
<https://www.davisblock.com>

## Construction

**Alaskan Seamless Gutters**  
(907) 262-6327  
<https://www.alaskanseamlessgutters.com>

**Hall Quality Builders, Inc**  
(907) 260-7607  
<https://www.hallqualitybuilders.com>

**Hanson's Roofing, Inc**  
(907) 252-2480  
<https://www.hansonsroofing.com>

**Kenai Peninsula Builders Association**  
(907) 740-0176  
<https://www.kenaipeninsulabuilders.com>

**MC and M Enterprises**  
(907) 283-9518

## Real Estate Services

**Century 21 Realty Solutions**  
(907) 262-1770  
<https://www.century21.com/real-estate-office/profile/realty-solutions-10018369>

**Kenai Business Connection**  
(907) 394-3214  
<https://www.kenaiconnection.com>

**Kenai Peninsula Association of REALTORS®**  
(907) 262-1851  
<https://www.kprealtors.org>

**RE/MAX of the Peninsula**  
(907) 283-5888  
<https://www.kenaihomes.com>

## Realtors

**Fred Braun Jack White Real Estate-Kenai Branch**  
(907) 395-0655

**Kelly Griebel, CENTURY 21 Realty Solutions**  
(907) 398-7293  
<https://www.kellyslistings.com>

**Redoubt Keller Williams Realty**  
(907) 262-8855  
<https://www.redoubtrealty.com>

# **Residential & Commercial Building**

**Airport Equipment Rentals, Inc.**  
(907) 335-5466  
<https://www.airportequipmentrentals.com>



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## Retail & Shopping

### Cannabis/CBD

#### **East Rip**

(907) 283-7833

<https://www.east-rip.com>

#### **Magical Gardens LLC**

(907) 283-4872

<https://www.magicalgardensllc.com>

#### **Majestic Gardens LLC**

(907) 283-4872

[www.majesticgardensllc.com](http://www.majesticgardensllc.com)

### Clothing Stores

#### **Kenai Performers & Curtain Call Consignment**

(907) 420-0599

<https://www.kenaiperformers.org>

#### **Little Alaskan**

(907) 347-5564

<https://www.little-alaskan.com>

#### **Sweeney's Clothing**

(907) 262-5916

<https://www.sweeneysclothing.com>

#### **Unique Boutique**

(907) 252-9670

### Florist

#### **Cook Inlet Gardens**

(907) 953-1964

<https://www.cookinletgardens.com>

### Gifts/Souvenirs

#### **Alaska WildGear Clothing Company**

(907) 420-0855

<https://www.alaskawildgear.com>

#### **Cook Inlet Stone Products**

(907) 283-4930

#### **DSPS**

(907) 283-4043

<http://www.dspsalaska.com/>

#### **Frames n Things**

(907) 262-5248

<https://www.framesandthingsak.com>

#### **Kobuk Valley Jade Company**

(907) 262-8909

<https://www.kobukvalleyjadeco.com>

#### **Madly Krafty**

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[www.madlykrafty.com](http://www.madlykrafty.com)

#### **Northcountry Fair**

(907) 262-7715

<https://www.facebook.com/NorthcountryFairAK>

#### **Paisley Boutique**

(907) 335-3345

<https://www.facebook.com/paisleyboutiqueak>

#### **Tattered Magic**

406-933-5919

[www.tatteredmagic.com](http://www.tatteredmagic.com)

### Grocery/Liquor Store

#### **Country Foods**

(907) 283-4834

<https://www.countryfoods.iga.com>

#### **Country Liquor**

(907) 283-7651

#### **M&M Market**

(907) 776-2127

#### **Safeway**

(907) 283-6300

<https://www.safeway.com>

#### **Three Bears Alaska, Inc.**

(907) 283-6577

<https://www.threebearsalaska.com>

#### **Walmart**

(907) 395-0971

<https://www.walmart.com>

### Quilt & Fabric Store

#### **North Beach Quilting**

(907) 335-0010

<https://www.northbeachquilting.com>

### Retail

#### **ARG Industrial**

(907) 395-0575

[www.alaskarubbergroup.com](http://www.alaskarubbergroup.com)

#### **Big Black Cauldron**

907-414-9907

#### **Four D Carpert One, Inc.**

(877) 549-8518

<https://www.fourcarpetonesoldotna.com>

#### **Kenai Generators**

(907) 513-1493

[www.kpgen.biz](http://www.kpgen.biz)

#### **The Salvation Army**

(907) 283-3879

<https://www.satruck.org>

#### **Tustumena Smoke House**

(907) 260-3401

<https://www.tustumenasmokehouse.com>

## Transportation

### Commercial Airlines

#### **Alaska Airlines**

(800) 252-7522

<https://www.alaskaair.com>

#### **Grant Aviation**

(888) 359-4726

[flygrant.com](http://flygrant.com)

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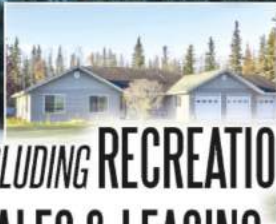
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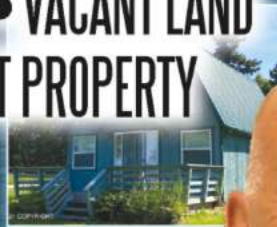
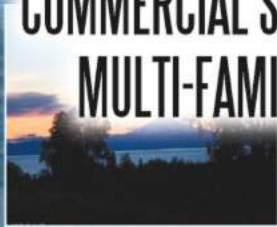
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